APPENDIX 6.4: BEHAVIORAL PATHOLOGY IN ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE RATING SCALE

Resident’s Name ______________________________________________
Current Placement ________________ Date _____ Sex □ M □ F
Birthdate ________ Age ____________ Evaluator ________________
Relationship to Resident: ______________________________

PART 1: Symptomatology: Please check the best response based on the resident’s current experience. Specify: ____ weeks.

Part A: Paranoid and delusional

1. “People are stealing things delusion”
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Delusion that people are hiding objects
   □ (2) Delusion that people are coming into the home and hiding objects or stealing objects
   □ (3) Taking and listening to people coming into the home

2. “One’s house is not one’s home” delusion
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Conviction that the place in which one is living—even temporarily—(e.g. nursing home, hospital) is not where one resides at that moment
   □ (2) Attempt to leave domiciliary to “go home”
   □ (3) Violence in response to attempts to forcibly restrict exit.

3. “Caregiver (or nurse or nursing aide) is an imposter” delusion
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Conviction that caregiver is an imposter (e.g. doesn’t work at institution; not responsible for daily care of subject)
   □ (2) Anger towards caregiver for being an imposter
   □ (3) Violence toward caregiver for being an imposter

4. Delusion of “abandonment”
   - (0) Not present
   - (1) Suspicion that caregiver may abandon the subject (e.g. stop care, desert, forget, leave)
   - (2) Accusation of a conspiracy to abandon
   - (3) Accusation of impending or immediate abandonment

5. Delusion of infidelity
   - (0) Not present
   - (1) Conviction that caregiver is insincere, disloyal, deceitful, and/or fickle
   - (2) Anger toward caregiver for being disloyal, insincere, etc.
   - (3) Violence toward caregiver for being disloyal, insincere, etc.

6. Suspiciousness/paranoia (other than above)
   - (0) Not present
   - (1) Suspicious (e.g. hiding objects that he/she may later be unable to locate)
   - (2) Paranoid (i.e. fixed conviction re suspicions and/or anger as a result of suspicions)
   - (3) Violence as a result of suspicions
   - Unspecified? ________________________________

7. Delusions (other than above)
   - (0) Not present
   - (1) Vague: not clearly defined
   - (2) Verbal or emotional manifestations as a result of delusions
   - (3) Physical actions or violence as a result of delusions
   - Unspecified? ________________________________

**Part B: Hallucinations**

8. Visual hallucinations
   - (0) Not present
   - (1) Vague: not clearly defined
   - (2) Clearly defined hallucinations of objects or persons (e.g. sees other people at the table)
   - (3) Verbal or physical actions or emotional responses to the hallucinations
9. Auditory hallucinations
- (0) Not present
- (1) Vague: not clearly defined
- (2) Clearly defined hallucinations of words or phrases
- (3) Verbal or physical actions or emotional responses to the hallucinations

10. Olfactory hallucinations
- (0) Not present
- (1) Vague: not clearly defined
- (2) Clearly defined hallucinations (e.g. smells a fire or “something burning”)
- (3) Verbal or physical actions or emotional responses to the hallucinations

11. Haptic (sense of touch) hallucinations
- (0) Not present
- (1) Vague: not clearly defined
- (2) Clearly defined hallucinations (e.g. “something is crawling on my body”)
- (3) Verbal or physical actions or emotional responses to the hallucinations

12. Other hallucinations
- (0) Not present
- (1) Vague: not clearly defined
- (2) Clearly defined hallucinations
- (3) Verbal or physical actions or emotional responses to the hallucinations
- Unspecified? ________________________________

Part C: Activity Disturbances

13. Wandering away from home or caregiver
- (0) Not present
- (1) Somewhat, but not sufficient to necessitate restraint
- (2) Sufficient to require restraint
- (3) Verbal or physical actions or emotional responses to attempts to prevent wandering

14. Purposeless activity (cognitive abulia)
- (0) Not present
- (1) Repetitive, purposeless activity (e.g. opening and closing pocketbook, packing and unpacking clothing,
repeatedly putting on and removing clothing, opening and closing drawers, insistent repeating of demands or questions)
☐ (2) Pacing or other purposeless activity sufficient to require restraint
☐ (3) Abrasions or physical harm resulting from purposeless activity

15. Inappropriate activity
☐ (0) Not present
☐ (1) Inappropriate activities (e.g. storing and hiding objects in inappropriate places, such as throwing clothing in wastebasket or putting empty plates in the oven; inappropriate sexual behavior, such as inappropriate exposure)
☐ (2) Present and sufficient to require restraint
☐ (3) Present, sufficient to require restraint, and accompanied by anger or violence when restraint is used

Part D: Aggressiveness

16. Verbal outbursts
☐ (0) Not present
☐ (1) Present (including unaccustomed use of foul or abusive language)
☐ (2) Present and accompanied by anger
☐ (3) Present, accompanied by anger, and clearly directed at other persons

17. Physical threats and/or violence
☐ (0) Not present
☐ (1) Threatening behavior
☐ (2) Physical violence
☐ (3) Physical violence accompanied by vehemence

18. Agitation (other than above)
☐ (0) Not present
☐ (1) Present
☐ (2) Present with emotional component
☐ (3) Present with emotional and physical component
☐ Unspecified? ________________________________
Part E: Diurnal Rhythm Disturbances

19. Day/night disturbance
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Repetitive wakenings during the night
   □ (2) 50% to 75% of former sleep cycle at night
   □ (3) Complete disturbance of diurnal rhythm (i.e. less than 50% of former sleep cycle at night)

Part F: Affective Disturbance

20. Tearfulness
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Present
   □ (2) Present and accompanied by clear affective component
   □ (3) Present and accompanied by affective and physical component (e.g. “wrings hands” or other gestures)

21. Depressed mood: other
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Present (e.g. occasional statement “I wish I were dead” without clear affective component)
   □ (2) Present with clear concomitants (e.g. thoughts of death)
   □ (3) Present with emotional and physical concomitants (e.g. suicidal gestures)

Part G: Anxieties and Phobias

22. Anxiety regarding upcoming events (Godot syndrome)
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Present: repeated queries and/or other activities regarding upcoming appointments and/or events
   □ (2) Present and disturbing to caregivers
   □ (3) Present and intolerable to caregivers

23. Other anxieties
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Present
   □ (2) Present and disturbing to caregivers
   □ (3) Present and intolerable to caregivers
   □ Unspecified? ____________________________________
24. Fear of being left alone
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Present: vocalized fear of being alone
   □ (2) Vocalized and sufficient to require specific action on part of caregiver
   □ (3) Vocalized and sufficient to require patient to be accompanied at all times

25. Other phobias
   □ (0) Not present
   □ (1) Present
   □ (2) Present and sufficient magnitude to require specific action on part of caregiver
   □ (3) Present and sufficient to prevent patient activities
   □ Unspecified? ____________________________

PART 2: Global Rating

With respect to the above symptoms, they are of sufficient magnitude as to be:
   □ (0) Not at all troubling to the caregiver or dangerous to the patient
   □ (1) Mildly troubling to the caregiver or dangerous to the patient
   □ (2) Moderately troubling to the caregiver or dangerous to the patient
   □ (3) Severely troubling to the caregiver or dangerous to the patient