

TABLE 1. Internal consistency of the subscales for the CHBMS-MS and IPQ-R scales

	Mean (Maltese)	SD	Mean (English)	SD	Cronbach's alpha (Maltese vs English)	Inter-item correlation (Pearson)
Health Beliefs	3.15	1.33	3.16	1.29	0.93	0.87
Perceived Susceptibility	3.04	1.24	2.88	1.22	0.91	0.83
Perceived benefits	4.03	0.71	4.03	0.57	0.75	0.69
Perceived barriers	1.99	1.01	2.06	1.02	0.88	0.78
Cues to action	3.72	0.92	3.37	0.85	0.86	0.75
Self-efficacy	4.00	1.02	4.00	1.02	0.90	0.81
Illness Perceptions	3.20	1.19	3.20	1.19	0.92	0.85
Breast Cancer Identity	3.72	0.82	3.70	0.84	0.92	0.85
Causes of Breast Cancer	2.78	1.18	2.76	1.20	0.90	0.82
Timeline (Acute/Chronic)	2.58	1.09	2.70	1.12	0.88	0.79
Timeline (Cyclical)	3.90	0.76	4.07	0.74	0.86	0.75
Consequences	3.56	1.17	3.60	1.15	0.93	0.87
Personal Control	3.68	0.91	3.66	0.95	0.90	0.82
Treatment Control	3.31	1.29	3.19	1.18	0.90	0.81
Illness Coherence Emotional Representations	2.98	1.19	3.03	1.19	0.86	0.88
	3.09	1.28	3.08	1.21	0.96	0.93

**The Pearson correlation test was tested against a p-value of 0.001. All Pearson correlation values were found to be statistically significant with a p-value <0.001.*