

# **BARRIERS TO CLINICAL TRIALS PARTICIPATION IN RELATIONSHIP TO LANGUAGE PREFERENCE AND ACCULTURATION IN HISPANIC AMERICAN WOMEN**

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Historically, minority women have had low rates of participation in clinical trials. This study examined barriers faced by Hispanic American (HA) women, and how those barriers are related to acculturation. HA women (N =503) were recruited from San Diego County. All women completed the Barriers to Clinical Trials Participation (BCTP) scale, which has four subscales (Personal Benefits, Community Support, Mistrust, and Familiarity), and the Brief Acculturation Scale for Hispanics (BASH). Half of the women preferred English and the other half Spanish. Language preference and BASH scores were generally unrelated to barriers, except the English language group scored significantly higher on Mistrust. The results suggest that language/acculturation may not be particularly relevant to perceived barriers to participating in clinical trials in HAs.