

CLAIMS

1. A method of capturing human observations using a computing device provided with an electronic input device and installed with a software application, the method comprising:
 - 5 (a) the application showing on a display screen of the computing device a number of predetermined distinct observations;
 - (b) a user selecting via the electronic input device a specific observation from among the number of predetermined distinct observations;
 - (c) the application showing on the display screen of the computing device a number of
10 predetermined distinct subjects;
 - (d) the user selecting via the electronic input device a specific subject from among the number of predetermined distinct subjects;
 - (e) the application creating an association of the specific observation with the specific subject, wherein the association includes at least the specific observation, the specific
15 subject and a date and time stamp of at least one of: performance of step (b) and performance of step (d); and
 - (f) the application transmitting the association from the computing device to a database stored on at least one of: the computing device and a server.
- 20 2. The method of claim 1, wherein step (e) is automatically performed after steps (a) to (d) have been completed, and wherein step (f) is automatically performed after step (e) has been completed.
3. The method of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein step (a) and step (c) are mutually exclusive.
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4. The method of claim 3, wherein step (c) and step (d) are performed after step (a) and step (b).
5. The method of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein step (a) and step (c) are simultaneously
30 performed by showing the predetermined distinct observations and the predetermined distinct subjects simultaneously on the display screen.

6. The method of any one of the preceding claims, further comprising, after step (d) and before step (e):
- (i) the application showing on the display screen a user interface configured to accept input of further observations of the specific subject;
 - 5 (ii) the user entering at least one further observation on the specific subject via the user interface and the application including the at least one further observation in the association in step (e).
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the further observations include observed intensity of the specific observation.
8. The method of claim 6 or claim 7, wherein the further observations include optional remarks originating from the user.
9. The method of any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein step (ii) includes the user entering text via the user interface.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein step (d) comprises the user selecting via the electronic input device multiple specific subjects, wherein step (e) comprises the application creating an association of the specific observation with each of the multiple specific subjects thereby creating multiple associations, and wherein step (f) includes the user activating the application to transmit the multiple associations to the database.
11. The method of any one of the preceding claims, further comprising a report generator software module generating a report from the associations in the database at a predetermined time, the report comprising at least one of: the specific observations associated with a specific subject within a specific time period for all the number of distinct subjects, and the specific subjects associated with a specific observation within a specific time period for all the number of distinct observations.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein the predetermined time comprises periodic intervals.
13. The method of claim 11 or claim 12, further comprising the report generator software

module generating a special report from the associations in the database when called on by the user, the specific report comprising at least one of: the specific observations associated with a specific subject within a specific time period, and the specific subjects associated with a specific observation within a specific time period.

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14. The method of any one of the preceding claims, further comprising, before step (a), the application showing on the display screen a number of predetermined distinct groups of subjects, and the user selecting via the electronic input device a specific group of subjects from among the number of predetermined distinct groups of subjects, wherein the
10 specific group of subjects comprises the number of predetermined distinct subjects.

15. The method of any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein the electronic input device comprises a touchscreen and wherein the display screen comprises the touchscreen, wherein step (a) comprises showing the distinct observations as distinct observation hyperlinks on the
15 touchscreen, wherein step (b) comprises the user tapping on one of the distinct observation hyperlinks shown on the touchscreen to select the specific observation, wherein step (c) comprises showing the distinct subjects as distinct subject hyperlinks on the touchscreen, and wherein step (d) comprises the user tapping on one of the distinct subject hyperlinks shown on the touchscreen to select the specific subject.

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16. The method of claim 15, further comprising, before step (a), the application showing on the touchscreen a two-tap option and a three-tap option, and the user making a selection of one of: the top-tap option and the three-tap option, wherein selection of the two-step option eliminates performance of all steps recited in claims 6 to 9.

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17. The method of claim 16, wherein the two-step option and the three-step option are presented as options selectable by the user via a toggle icon shown on the touchscreen.

18. A system for capturing human observations, the system comprising:
30 a computing device provided with an electronic input device;
a software application installed on the computing device, the application configured to:
show on a display screen of the computing device a number of predetermined distinct observations;

- show on the display screen of the computing device a number of predetermined distinct subjects;
register selection by a user via the electronic input device of a specific observation from among the number of predetermined distinct observations;
5 register selection by the user via the electronic input device of a specific subject from among the number of predetermined distinct subjects;
create an association of the specific observation with the specific subject, wherein the association includes the specific observation, the specific subject and a date and time stamp of at least one of: when the user selected the specific observation
10 and when the user selected the specific subject; and
a database stored on at least one of: the computing device and a server, wherein the application is further configured to transmit the association from the computing device to the database.
- 15 19. The system of claim 18, wherein the application is configured to automatically create the association and to transmit the association after the user has selected the specific observation and selected the specific subject.
- 20 20. The system of claim 18 or claim 19, wherein the application is configured to show the number of predetermined distinct observations on a first user interface and to show the number of predetermined distinct subject on a second user interface.
- 25 21. The system of claim 18 or claim 19, wherein the application is configured to show the number of predetermined distinct observations and the number of predetermined distinct subject on a same user interface.
- 30 22. The system of any one of claims 18 to 21, wherein the application is further configured: to show on the display screen a user interface configured to allow the user to enter at least one further observation on the specific subject and to include the at least one further observation in the association transmitted to the database.
23. The system of claim 22, wherein the further observations include observed intensity of the specific observation.

24. The system of claim 22 or 23, wherein the further observations include optional remarks originating from the user.
25. The system of any one of claims 22 to 24, wherein the application is configured to allow
5 the user to enter the at least one further observation by entering text via the user interface.
26. The system of claim 18, wherein the application is further configured to allow selection of multiple specific subjects by the user via the electronic input device, to create multiple associations wherein each of the multiple associations comprises an association of the
10 specific observation with each of the multiple specific subjects, and to transmit the multiple associations to the database when activated by the user.
27. The system of any one of claims 18 to 26, further comprising a report generator software module configured to generate a report from the associations in the database at a
15 predetermined time, the report comprising at least one of: the specific observations associated with a specific subject within a specific time period for all subjects represented by the number of subject hyperlinks, and the specific subjects associated with a specific observation within a specific time period for all observations represented by the observation hyperlinks.
- 20 28. The system of claim 27, wherein the predetermined time comprises periodic intervals.
29. The system of claim 27 or 28, wherein the report generator software module is further configured to generate a special report from the associations in the database when called
25 on by the user, the specific report comprising at least one of: the specific observations associated with a specific subject within a specific time period, and the specific subjects associated with a specific observation within a specific time period.
30. The system of any one of claims 18 to 29, wherein the application is further configured
30 to show on the display screen a number of predetermined distinct groups of subjects prior to showing the predetermined distinct observations and predetermined distinct subjects, and

receive selection by the user via the electronic input device of a specific group of subjects from among the number of predetermined distinct groups of subjects, wherein the specific group of subjects comprises the number of predetermined distinct subjects.

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31. The system of any one of claims 18 to 30, wherein the electronic input device comprises a touchscreen wherein any selection by the user via the electronic input device comprises tapping on the touchscreen by the user, and wherein the display screen comprises the touchscreen, wherein the application is configured to show the distinct observations on the touchscreen as distinct observation hyperlinks that each register as selection of the specific observation when tapped on by the user, and wherein the application is configured to show the distinct subjects on the touchscreen as distinct subject hyperlinks that each register as selection of the specific subject when tapped on by the user.
32. The system of claim 31, wherein the application is configured to show on the display screen a two-tap option and a three-tap option and to suppress possibility of the user entering the at least one further observation when the user selects the two-tap option.
33. The system of claim 32, wherein the two-step option and the three-step option are presented as options selectable by the user via a toggle icon shown on the display screen.