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Title: The 12-item World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule II (WHO-DAS II): A nonparametric item response analysis

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Dear Editor,

Please, find attached the manuscript entitled: The 12-item World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule II (WHO-DAS II): A nonparametric item response analysis, that we submit for publication in BMC Medical Research Methodology. All authors have agreed to authorship in the indicated order. The manuscript has been elaborated following the instructions for authors, is original, has not been previously published, and is not under consideration elsewhere.

This is thought to be the first study examining the effectiveness of the WHO-DAS II items and their options in discriminating between changes in the underlying disability level using nonparametric item response analyses. We also explored differential item functioning in men and women.

Sincerely yours,

The authors