Reviewer's report

Title: Measurement of Nicotine Withdrawal Symptoms: Linguistic Validation of the Wisconsin Smoking Withdrawal Scale (WSWS) in Malay

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Reviewer: Christos Lionis

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for kindly inviting me to review this paper that reports on the linguistic validation of the Wisconsin Smoking Withdrawal Scale. Although the authors made certain efforts to translate this important scale, I am unable to discern any innovation on research methodology to justify a publication in this BMC Journal. However, in general the paper is well written yet, there are some points in the current manuscript that will be subjected for improvement and my comments are illustrated as follows:

1. ABSTRACT: It seems lengthy and contains some unnecessary details, especially in the Methods and Results section.

2. METHODOLOGY: The authors are kindly invited to provide a few references when they are describing forward and backward translations and pilot testing.

It would be a pleasure to contribute further in the review process of this paper.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.