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Dear Editor,

Pre-validation methods for developing a patient reported outcome instrument

We are pleased to resubmit the above article for publication in BMC Medical Research Methodology. As requested, we have completed the following revisions:

Author list revisions – We have updated the spelling of Mayret Castillo’s name in the submission system.

References revision - We have added the citations to references 15-34 in line 4, paragraph 2 in the Results section text (page 8). This should solve the ordering problem detected by your system. Previously, the order of references would have been correct only once Table 2 was inserted in the appropriate place.

Tables revision - We have reformatted Table 1 without the figure (arrow) and removed the remaining vertical lines from this and all tables.

We have also reduced the white space in Figure 1. However, as this is a flow diagram, white space is inevitable. We would welcome any assistance you can provide to further improve the layout.

Kind regards

Maria Prior for the Author Group