Reviewer's report

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* Major Compulsory Revisions

None

* Minor Essential Revisions

In the abstract results, the statement about measurement being of 'adequate quality' might be better replaced with 'of adequate reliability and validity'

On a related issue, why does table 3 discuss 'clinimetric' properties? I would either say 'psychometric or clinimetric' or simply use the more general 'measurement properties' or 'reliability and validity'

Last page of manuscript, typo 'were theories' should read 'where theories'

* Discretionary Revisions

None

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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