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Dear Editor,

We consider the paper “Identification of candidate categories of the International Classification of Functioning Disability and Health (ICF) for a Generic ICF Core Set based on regression modeling” which we are submitting to Social Science and Medicine to be of major relevance for the implementation of the ICF in the health-care sector and for the scientific development of methods to analyze ICF-based data.

The paper provides very important insights into candidate ICF categories for an envisioned Generic ICF Core Set, which should prove to be a most relevant tool for practitioners, researchers, and policy makers in the health-care sector who apply the ICF and use information delivered from the ICF. We developed and applied an approach for the statistical modeling of ICF data for the first time. This method can become a reference methodology for researchers analyzing ICF data in the future. Based on these considerations, we consider Social Science and Medicine as a journal that publishes research findings related to the health sector from the perspective of a very broad range of disciplines and with a highly diverse readership to be the most appropriate journal for publishing the results of our study.

With kind regards,

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