Reviewer's report

Title: Translation and validation study of the Persian version of the Arthritis Impact Measurement Scales 2 (AIMS2) in patients with Osteoarthritis of the Knee

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This is an interesting study validating the translated AIMS2 in OA patients

Minor comments:

page 4: the conclusion that the questionnaire can be applied in outcome studies is not proven by the results of the study. The sensitivity for change needs still to be studied, as the authors state themselves in page 14 second paragraph

page 5 second paragraph, line 5: th ref 13-15 are only dealing with RA and not with OA

Page 11: line 5 is amazed that 80% of the subjects were working. This means that most women in Iran are working? or is working in one’s own household included?

For this reason the referee would be interested in the educational level of the patients included. Is this a very highly educated sample? Or is it a representative sample for the Persian population?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests