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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Major Compulsory Revisions

I understand from their answers that the authors did not contact with the original authors of the questionnaire to present them the final English translation of the Iranian version. This should be done.

I find that the appropriate place to include some data about the discriminative validity of the AIMS2 is in this article, better than in a responsiveness manuscript.

There is no discussion about the factor analysis results. It deserves some comments pointing out the main limitations of those results.

The authors do not provide with data to support a sentence such as “Due to the similar results of the psychometric assessment achieved with the original AIMS2 and the Persian version, a similar responsiveness may be assumed for this version with caution till additional clinical studies confirm this assumption in the future.” It should be removed.

No limitations of the study are included in the Discussion.

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