Reviewer's report

Title: Cross-cultural adaptation and validation of a Bengali version of the modified Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire

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Reviewer: Robert Bennett

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. Some 20% of RA Patients have comorbid fibromyalgia. Did you specifically evaluate for this possibility, and were these patients included or excluded from the study?

2. As noted, the functional components of the FIQ caused most problems in the cross-cultural translation. A couple of sentences should be included in the discussion referring to the 2009 FIQR, which made major changes to the functional component, in order to provide more cross-cultural compatibility.

3. What was the rationale for the construct of the current FM symptoms synth VAS? All the symptoms are the same as FIQ symptoms with the addition of "headache"? What were the anchor statements for each of the questions?

Minor Essential Revisions:
None.

Discretionary Revisions:
1. It is notable that stiffness in the FM patients significantly greater than that stiffness in RA patients. This is worthy of mention in the discussion.

2. It would be interesting to note the time of completion of the FIQ for the healthy controls. One might expect longer completion times in the FM patients due to cognitive dysfunction. If this result is available it would be worth adding to the manuscript.

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 have no competing interests.