Reviewer's report

Title: Clinimetric properties of the Turkish translation of modified neck disability index

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The manuscript has improved, but there are some aspects that need attention:

Major compulsory revisions:
1. In the methods section is now mentioned that the methods have been carried out in confirmation with the COSMIN checklist. However, it is necessary to report the items in the COSMIN checklist to be able to evaluate the methodological quality of the study. A lot of the items in the checklist are not reported in the methods section (e.g. number of missing items, how missing items were handled, predefined hypotheses regarding correlation with other instruments).
2. The Discussion section still lacks criticisms regarding the methods and results.
3. The study of Aslan et al. and Schellingerhout et al. have been added, but it would be more useful to compare the results to those found in these 2 studies in a separate paragraph. Now the comparison is somewhat scattered over the discussion section.
4. The motivation for not evaluating the responsiveness of the NDI is inappropriate in my opinion. It would be very useful to get more information about the responsiveness of the Turkish version of the NDI (see Schellingerhout et al.)

Minor compulsory revisions:
1. It is reported in the methods section that “Factor analysis was performed on the results of Groups 2”. It is unclear which part of the study population this refers to.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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