Reviewer's report

Title: A 5 item version of the Compliance Questionnaire for Rheumatology (CQR5) successfully identifies low adherence to DMARDs

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Reviewer: Nevsun Inanc

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An important issue was tried to solve with a shortened questionare for the evaluation of drug adherence.

1. There were too much methods information given in the text which might be shortened and avoid repeating.

2. There were no information about power analysis. Is the number of patients sufficient for this research?

3. No more characteristics besides sex, disease duration and ages of RA patients were given in the table. It would be appropriate to give number of different DMARDs to be used by patients and activity level of patienrs.

4. A table which gives the selected items of the 5 items questionare would be suitable.

5. No information was given for the ability of the shortened questionare to give an idea to the doctor what makes the nonadherence of the patients which was possible with the long one.

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