Reviewer’s report

Title: The Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder and Hand Questionnaire (DASH) can measure the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)

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Reviewer: Belinda Gabbe

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The study was well conducted and very well written, and the manuscript will be a useful contribution to the literature. I have suggestions for some minor essential revisions:

1. Methods, procedure - please provide a better description of what was classified as a "match" and what was classified as "no match". I'm assuming this was yes/no but it gets swallowed up by the next sentence relating to confidence ratings.

2. Coding of missing data as 0 is unusual. Could you explain to the reader why this was done?

3. Methods, data analysis: need to include a statement regarding 95% CI around the ICC’s.

4. Results: Readers will wish to see the p-values and the t-values in the tables for all rather than selective exclusion.

5. Reference 5 is incorrect. Please check all references to ensure that the volume numbers, etc are correct.

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