Reviewer's report

Title: Construction of a Traditional Chinese Medicine syndrome-specific outcome measure: The Kidney Deficiency Syndrome questionnaire (KDSQ)

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1. The subject sample is middle-aged women with menopausal symptoms. So the title of paper should be “the Kidney Deficiency Syndrome questionnaire (KDSQ) of middle-aged women with menopausal symptoms

2. I don’t known if the symptom list for a Kidney Deficiency Syndrome Questionnaire (KDSQ) have the representativeness.

3. The statistic methods of the paper is no problems.

4. the result of this paper is very significative for the assessment of the Kidney Deficiency Syndrome in the Chinese medicine practice

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'