Reviewer's report

Title: Validation of the Disease Burden Morbidity Assessment by Self-Report in a French-speaking population

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Reviewer: Angela Barbara

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This is a well written article. The research question is well defined and appropriate methods are described. The discussion is well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

I only have suggestions for minor revisions under the Introduction in the first paragraph:

1. Please provide reference(s) to research/literature to support the statement: "However, impact of daily living is best evaluated by the patient."

2. In the 8th sentence, the word sensibility should be "sensitivity".

3. What other measurement properties of the DBMA have not been reported? Have those properties not yet been assessed or as written, not yet reported or published?

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