Reviewer’s report

Title: Adaptation and validation of the Treatment Burden Questionnaire (TBQ) in English using an internet platform

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Reviewer: Christine Ritchie

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This paper addresses a very important issue for those with multiple chronic conditions: treatment burden. This paper describes one of the first instruments developed to ascertain treatment burden and the innovative steps used to validate the instrument.

The paper is well written and covers the essential psychometric issues. The question posed by the authors is well defined and deals with an under-addressed issue. The methods are appropriate and well described. The data are sounds. The discussion and conclusion are well rational and emanate from the findings. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

Minor Essential Revisions:
Under Section 2.3: please use the word healthcare provider instead of "caregiver (in the sentence describing "patient-caregiver relationships.")
Under "Discussion," First sentence: change to "We adapted the French TBQ for patients with multiple chronic conditions in... to "We adapted the French TBQ for patients with multiple chronic conditions [in] to [to].

In the limitations section, please add the low response rate as a limitation.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
Serve as editor for UpToDate and Hazzards textbook of Geriatric Medicine.