Reviewer’s report

Title: The Sexual Quality of Life-Female (SQOL-F) Questionnaire: translation and psychometric properties of the Iranian version

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This was a report on psychometric properties of the Persian version of SQOL-F. Given to young population of Iran and increasing recognition of sexual and reproductive health from academic and medical system, such questionnaire could be of use in health care settings. However there are some points that should be addressed.

1- The introduction is too long and focused on sexuality and FSD rather than sexual quality of life and measurement tools.

2. According to authors, the SQOL-F has some subscales, which need to be explained. What items make every subscale? Sexual quality of life would be reported as an overall scale or its subscales are important as well?

3. In table 1, authors reported age at marriage and gravid. Why are you reporting them while they have not been used in your following analysis?

4. In discussion it is reported: "For instance one might argue that different sociocultural conditions might led women to respond differently to sexuality issues and thus difference on factor structure of the questionnaire in Iran and the UK in fact relates to women’s perspectives on sexuality and femininity”. What are these differences and how they influence woman’s responses? Is there any chance that these differences might affect the utility of this questionnaire in Iranian population (considering that known groups comparison, convergent validity and sensitivity analysis are not applied?)


5. There are some typos that should be corrected.

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