Reviewer’s report

Title: Validity and reliability of the Urdu version of the 5D itching scale to assess pruritus among patients with chronic kidney disease in Pakistan

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In their study, "Validity and reliability of 5D itching scale in Urdu to assess pruritus among chronic kidney disease patients in Pakistan," Rehman et al. attempt to validate the 5D itching scale in Pakistani patients with ESRD. The authors translate the 5D scale into Urdu and then administer it to 50 patients at baseline and then 2 weeks later. Unfortunately the purpose of the study is unclear to me. Why does the 5D itch scale need to be validated in this population? What is different about this population that would make the current scale invalid or unreliable? Also I would expect the validation to involve some qualitative analysis of participant's itching and reaction to the survey to see if this qualitative analysis was concordant with the survey results. As it stands, the survey was just translated and not otherwise modified and was administered twice to participants. The discussion just repeats points made in the introduction and dose not analyze existing literature on CKDaP or the 5D itch scale. Finally the article requires extensive English language. I do not feel this small study adds meaningfully to the existing CKDaP literature.

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