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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The Authors in this paper underline a common problem that has a negative impact on quality of life in CKD patients in any stage of renal disease until kidney transplantation. They try to validate the 5D itching scale in Urdu to assess pruritus in Pakistan CKD patients.

Major criticism:

1. The description of the study sample appears to be very poor. The authors should make an effort to present characteristics beyond those listed on table 1. Such as all relevant demographic, clinical and biochemical parameters.

2. The interquartile range should be appropriately calculated. The authors only report the interquartile distance.

3. In the "methods" section the authors state that data are summarized as median and interquartile range. Why age is expressed as mean? In table 1 "1,757" appears to be a standard error rather than a standard deviation.

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Yes

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