Reviewer’s report

Title: Characteristic differences in the Mini-Mental State Examination used in Asian countries

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The objective of this study was to compare the linguistic and cultural variations of the MMSE used in different Asian countries. This research is necessary to comprehensively understand the basis of any cross-cultural differences in the incidence and progression of neurological disease. The MMSEs used in 11 different countries were compared. Results revealed that items relating to i) orientation to time and place, ii) registration and recall, and iii) attention and concentration and language differed between countries. Differences in items assessing attention and concentration appeared particularly salient. The study met the objectives of the research and represents a contribution to the literature as it facilitates an understanding of how results on the MMSE may vary in accord with test differences.

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