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Title: Linguistic validation, Validity and Reliability of the British English versions of the Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder and Hand (DASH) questionnaire and QuickDASH in people with rheumatoid arthritis

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This was a straightforward and well-conducted study using accepted approaches for the establishment of the psychometric properties of a revised PROM. It might be helpful to enhance the rationale/need to develop the British English version of the DASH earlier in the paper, i.e. how big of a problem was the North American version?

line 230- it would be helpful to provide the formulas for SEM and MDC 95

line 230- 33% of respondents left at least one item unanswered- is this expected with the DASH? It seems to be mostly associated with a specific sub-group. It might be good discuss this in more detail- i.e. population-specific psychometrics.

line 357-358- really good point
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