Reviewer’s report

Title: Simplified scoring of the Actionable 8-item screening questionnaire for neurogenic bladder overactivity in multiple sclerosis: a comparative analysis of test performance at different cut-off points

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Reviewer’s report:

This study is well designed and it faces a specific argument. In my opinion the authors filled every aspect of the topic and provided a precise conclusive message.

Obviously one of the most important aspects should be to understand which are the changes of the questionnaire’s scores in positive patients after urological treatment. This consideration could help to understand if the questionnaire well correlates with clinical improvement in patients that have been urologically treated basing on the questionnaire’s outcomes.

To further validate the outcomes of this type of investigations, it should be proposed a specific study in which the 2 forms of the questionnaire might be administrated to MS patients that also are submitted to instrumental evaluation (such as flowmetry, post-void residual assessment or cystometry) and definitively discriminate how much are these questionnaires reliable and if there is somewhat difference between the two forms (simplified and original).

However, I consider these comments discretionary because are not strongly related to the specific content and aim of the manuscript. Therefore, If the authors would like to insert some considerations about them in the discussion I surely appreciate. On the contrary, if not, I consider that manuscript can proceed.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I think is well specified by the authors that there is a cooperation with Allergan