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To the Editors of the
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Manuscript “A translation and preliminary validation of the Dutch Wound-QoL questionnaire“

Dear Hayley Henderson and maria Hodges,

Thank you very much for considering our manuscript for publication.

We have now made the required changes that you and the reviewers asked for. Please find our answers to the remarks below:
Assistant Editor Comments:

1. Questionnaire

Thank you for providing this as an additional file. Please clarify if this was created by yourselves. If taken from another source, please remove it from the additional files and cite the original copy instead.

Thank you for this remark. According to your suggestion we have now cited a Wound-QoL article here, in which the original English version of the questionnaire is displayed.

2. Authors Contributions

We notice that authors AM and PR are missing from the authors' contributions section. The individual contributions of all authors to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors’ Contributions section. Guidance and criteria for authorship can be found here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#authorship

Thank you very much. We have checked the authors contribution and have seen that PR has been abbreviated by PF. We have now changed this accordingly. AM has already been included in the authors contribution section.

3. Abstract

Please remove the objectives section from the abstract to be in line with our journal requirements.

In order to be in line with your requirements, we have deleted the objectives section from the abstract and have added this study’s aims in the background section.

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Reviewer reports:

Reviewer 1: Thank you for the revisions made.

Thank you very much for this feedback.

Reviewer 4: Thank-you for the opportunity to review this thorough detailed study assessing the accuracy and usefulness of the Dutch Wound QoL questionnaire. YOu appear to have addressed the comments and items raised by the previous reviewing team. Regarding the stated co-morbitidities: cardiovascular and vascular diseases : do you mean ischaemic heart disease and venous insufficiency? Or are vascular diseases wider than this? It is not a classification summary scheme I have come across previously (but may be my ignorance).

Thank you very much for this positive feedback to our manuscript. In order to clarify the categorization of the co-morbidities, we have now added changed the wording “vascular diseases” to “peripheral vasculare diseases” in both the text and the table. This should help establish a clearer distinction between “cardiovascular diseases”, which encompasses a wide range of comorbidities e.g be hypertension, myocardial infarction, Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting or heart failure, and “peripheral vascular diseases”, which encompasses both chronic venous diseases and arterial diseases:

The most frequent comorbidities (Table 2) were cardiovascular diseases (n=81, 67.5%), diabetes (n=58, 48.3%) and peripheral vascular diseases (n=53, 44.2%). (page 7, lines 195-196)

Reviewer 5: It is a well thought out study.

Thank you very much for this positive feedback

Sincerely,

Stella Amesz