Reviewer’s report

Title: The psychometric properties of the Barkin index of maternal functioning (BIMF) for the Iranian population

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Reviewer: Marta Rondon

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The assessment of maternal competency and functioning seems to be important for the wellbeing of the neonate and infant. Evidently using a valid and reliable scale is helpful. So the need to adapt, translate and validate the BIMF seems clear.

The translation process was carried out according to recommended procedures.

Inclusion criteria: does not include being free from intimate partner violence, a proven stressful factor. I think this would interfere with the responses.

Discussion

I don't understand why the Iranian version is compared with the Turkish translation over and over.

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