Reviewer’s report

Title: Validation of the howRu and howRwe questionnaires at individual patient level.

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I found this to be an exciting article that will have much relevance to the health system, particularly in determining how effective health interventions are from a patient’s perspective.

It was refreshing to see that a short-version of a health-related outcome measure can produce valid and reliable results.

I was not surprised to see that the HowRwe questionnaire was less reliable. In order to be useful to health services, they require some detail about what behaviours can be adjusted to produce better results.

The study’s methodology appears sound, and data analysis was done with appropriate statistics.

The paper was written clearly, and its limitations were adequately noted.

There was good use of references.

I would recommend this paper for publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests