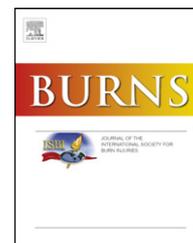


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Letter to the Editor

Cultural adaptation and validation of patient and observer Scar Assessment Scale for Turkish use: Methodological issues



Dear Editor,

We have read with interest a recently accepted article by Seyyah and Yurdalan [1] entitled “Cultural adaptation and validation of Patient and Observer Scar Assessment Scale for Turkish use”. Although the current study shows interesting results, there are some methodological issues which might be of interest to readers.

“There are no scales for evaluating burn scars in Turkey” in the highlights section of the article. Reliability and validity of the Turkish Version of POSAS in patients with burns have already been published by Kabuk, Ereğ Kazan and Aydoğan [2]. The information given by the authors in this regard is inconvenient. We suggest that authors show this study at the references of the article.

The authors of the original scale [3,4] recommend, the scar must be assessed by more than one observer, if you study on validity and reliability of the POSAS. The scar was assessed by two observers in the study which is written by Kabuk, Ereğ Kazan and Aydoğan. On the other hand, the scar was assessed by only one observer on Seyyah and Yurdalan’s study. For this reason, we find that the evaluation of the validity and reliability of POSAS with a single observer is weak in the study.

Another issue is 7th item, which question the general opinion about the scar, is scored between 1-10 and is assessed by the correlation between the total POSAS score [3,4]. In the Seyyah and Yurdalan’s study, there is no explanatory statement about the total score of the POSAS and how the 7th item was assessed.

In conclusion, this work has contributed good results, but results should be interpreted under the light of the aforementioned limitations.

Conflict of interest

None.

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Dear Editor,

We kindly thank you for your “Letter to the Editor” information related to our paper “Cultural adaptation and validation of Patient and Observer Scar Assessment Scale for Turkish use” titled.

Also, we thank Kabuk and Kazan’s interest in our study. In this respect, we answer their pointed issues as follow.

We did search the burn literature based on MeSH System using “hypertrophic scar, physiotherapy, validity, reliability, POSAS” key words. In this frame, their study [1] was not reachable, “observer” did not reflect POSAS’ observer”.

The dates related to the submission, acceptance and publication of the articles are presented in the table below.