

Supplementary File S1. Search strategy

Search strings for Pubmed

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- 1 ("Quality of Life"[Mesh] OR HRQL[tiab] OR HRQoL[tiab] OR QoL[tiab] OR "quality of life"[tiab])
- 2 (instrument[tiab] OR instruments[tiab] OR questionnaire[tiab] OR questionnaires[tiab] OR scale[tiab] OR scales[tiab] OR tool[tiab] OR tools[tiab])
- 3 (Validation Studies[pt] OR "reproducibility of results"[MeSH Terms] OR reproducib*[tiab] OR "psychometrics"[MeSH] OR psychometr*[tiab] OR clinimetr*[tiab] OR clinometr*[tiab] OR "observer variation"[MeSH] OR observer variation[tiab] OR "discriminant analysis"[MeSH] OR reliab*[tiab] OR valid*[tiab] OR coefficient[tiab] OR "internal consistency"[tiab] OR (cronbach*[tiab] AND (alpha[tiab] OR alphas[tiab])) OR "item correlation"[tiab] OR "item correlations"[tiab] OR "item selection"[tiab] OR "item selections"[tiab] OR "item reduction"[tiab] OR "item reductions"[tiab] OR agreement[tw] OR precision[tw] OR imprecision[tw] OR "precise values"[tw] OR test-retest [tiab] OR (test[tiab] AND retest[tiab]) OR (reliab*[tiab] AND (test[tiab] OR retest[tiab])) OR stability[tiab] OR intraterater[tiab] OR inter-rater[tiab] OR intrarater[tiab] OR intra-rater[tiab] OR intertester[tiab] OR inter-tester[tiab] OR intra-tester[tiab] OR interobserver[tiab] OR inter-observer[tiab] OR intraobserver[tiab] OR intra-observer[tiab] OR intertechnician[tiab] OR inter-technician[tiab] OR intratechnician[tiab] OR intra-technician[tiab] OR interexaminer[tiab] OR inter-examiner[tiab] OR intraexaminer[tiab] OR intra-examiner[tiab] OR interassay[tiab] OR inter-assay[tiab] OR intraassay[tiab] OR intra-assay[tiab] OR interindividual[tiab] OR inter-individual[tiab] OR intraindividual[tiab] OR intra-individual[tiab] OR interparticipant[tiab] OR inter-participant[tiab] OR intraparticipant[tiab] OR intra-participant[tiab] OR kappa[tiab] OR "kappa's"[tiab] OR kappas[tiab] OR "coefficient of variation"[tiab] OR repeatab*[tw] OR ((replicab*[tw] OR repeated[tw]) AND (measure[tw] OR measures[tw] OR findings[tw] OR result[tw] OR results[tw] OR test[tw] OR tests[tw])) OR generaliza*[tiab] OR generalisa*[tiab] OR concordance[tiab] OR (intraclass[tiab] AND correlation*[tiab]) OR discriminative[tiab] OR "known group"[tiab] OR "factor analysis"[tiab] OR "factor analyses"[tiab] OR "factor structure"[tiab] OR "factor structure"[tiab] OR dimensionality[tiab] OR subscale*[tiab] OR "multitrait scaling analysis"[tiab] OR "multitrait scaling analyses"[tiab] OR "item discriminant"[tiab] OR "interscale correlation"[tiab] OR "interscale correlations"[tiab] OR ((error[tiab] OR errors[tiab]) AND (measure*[tiab] OR correlat*[tiab] OR evaluat*[tiab] OR accuracy[tiab] OR accurate[tiab] OR precision[tiab] OR mean[tiab])) OR "individual variability"[tiab] OR "interval variability"[tiab] OR "rate variability"[tiab] OR "variability analysis"[tiab] OR (uncertainty[tiab] AND (measurement[tiab] OR measuring[tiab])) OR "standard error of measurement"[tiab] OR sensitiv*[tiab] OR responsive*[tiab] OR (limit[tiab] AND detection[tiab]) OR "minimal detectable concentration"[tiab] OR interpretat*[tiab] OR (small*[tiab] AND (real[tiab] OR detectable[tiab]) AND (change[tiab] OR difference[tiab])) OR "meaningful change"[tiab] OR "minimal important change"[tiab] OR "minimal important difference"[tiab] OR "minimally important change"[tiab] OR "minimally important difference"[tiab] OR "minimal detectable change"[tiab] OR "minimal detectable difference"[tiab] OR "minimally detectable change"[tiab] OR "minimally detectable difference"[tiab] OR "minimal real change"[tiab] OR "minimal real difference"[tiab] OR "minimally real change"[tiab] OR "minimally real difference"[tiab] OR "ceiling effect"[tiab] OR "floor effect"[tiab] OR "Item response model"[tiab] OR IRT[tiab] OR Rasch[tiab] OR "Differential item functioning"[tiab] OR DIF [tiab] OR "computer adaptive testing"[tiab] OR "item bank"[tiab] OR "cross-cultural equivalence"[tiab])
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- 4 #1 AND #2 AND #3
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- 6 #4 NOT #5
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- 7 FILTER: Article Type (Review or Systematic Review)
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- 8 FILTER: Subject (Systematic Review)
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- 9 FILTER: Language (English)
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- 10 FILTER: Period (2008-2018)
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Search strings for CINAHL

- 1 TI "quality of life" OR "HRQOL" OR AB "quality of life" OR "HRQOL"
 - 2 TI (instrument OR instruments OR questionnaire OR questionnaires OR scale OR scale OR tool OR tools) OR AB (instrument OR instruments OR questionnaire OR questionnaires OR scale OR scale OR tool OR tools)
 - 3 TI ("Validation Studies" OR "reproducibility of results" OR reproducib* OR "psychometrics" OR psychometr* OR clinimetr* OR clinometr* OR "observer variation" OR observer variation OR "discriminant analysis" OR reliab* OR valid* OR coefficient OR "internal consistency" OR (cronbach* AND (alpha OR alphas)) OR "item correlation" OR "item correlations" OR "item selection" OR "item selections" OR "item reduction" OR "item reductions" OR agreement OR precision OR imprecision OR "precise values" OR test-retest OR (test AND retest) OR (reliab* AND (test OR retest)) OR stability OR interrater OR inter-rater OR intrarater OR intra-rater OR intertester OR inter-tester OR intratester OR intra-tester OR interobserver OR inter-observer OR intraobserver OR intra-observer OR intertechnician OR inter-technician OR intratechnician OR intra-technician OR interexaminer OR inter-examiner OR intraexaminer OR intra-examiner OR interassay OR inter-assay OR intraassay OR intra-assay OR interindividual OR 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 - 4 TI review OR AB review
 - 5 #1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4
 - 6 TI ("protocol" OR "addresses" OR "biography" OR "case reports" OR "comment" OR "directory" OR "editorial" OR "festschrift" OR "interview" OR "lectures" OR "legal cases" OR "legislation" OR "letter" OR "news" OR "newspaper article" OR "patient education handout" OR "popular works" OR "congresses" OR "consensus development conference" OR "consensus development conference" OR "practice guideline")
 - 7 #5 NOT #6
 - 7 FILTER: Language (English)
 - 8 FILTER: Period (2008-2018)
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Search strings for PsycInfo

- 1 it=Quality of life
 - 2 it=Questionnaires OR it="Rating Scales" OR it=Screening OR it="Screening Tests" OR it="Psychological Assessment" OR it=Inventories OR it="Individual Testing" OR it="Human Factors Measures" OR it="Checklist Testing" OR it=Psychometrics
 - 3 #1 AND #2
 - 4 FILTER: Methodology (Literature Review)
 - 5 FILTER: Language (English)
 - 6 FILTER: Period (2008-2018)
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Search strings for Scopus

- 1 TITLE-ABS-KEY("Quality of life" OR "HRQOL")
 - 2 TITLE-ABS-KEY(instrument OR instruments OR questionnaire OR questionnaires OR scale OR scale OR tool OR tools)
 - 3 TITLE-ABS-KEY("Validation Studies" OR "reproducibility of results" OR reproducib* OR "psychometrics" OR psychometr* OR clinimet* OR clinometr* OR "observer variation" OR observer variation OR "discriminant analysis" OR reliab* OR valid* OR coefficient OR "internal consistency" OR (cronbach* AND (alpha OR alphas)) OR "item correlation" OR "item correlations" OR "item selection" OR "item selections" OR "item reduction" OR "item reductions" OR agreement OR precision OR imprecision OR "precise values" OR test-retest OR (test AND retest) OR (reliab* AND (test OR retest)) OR stability OR interrater OR inter-rater OR intrarater OR intra-rater OR intertester OR inter-tester OR intratester OR intra-tester OR interobserver OR inter-observer OR intraobserver OR intra-observer OR intertechnician OR inter-technician OR intratechnician OR intra-technician OR interexaminer OR inter-examiner OR intra-examiner OR interassay OR inter-assay OR intraassay OR intra-assay OR interindividual OR inter-individual OR intra-individual OR interparticipant OR inter-participant OR intraparticipant OR intra-participant OR kappa OR "kappa's" OR kappas OR "coefficient of variation" OR repeatab* OR ((replicab* OR repeated) AND (measure OR measures OR findings OR result OR results OR test OR tests)) OR generaliza* OR generalisa* OR concordance OR (intraclass AND correlation*) OR discriminative OR "known group" OR "factor analysis" OR "factor analyses" OR "factor structure" OR "factor structure" OR dimensionality OR subscale* OR "multitrait scaling analysis" OR "multitrait scaling analyses" OR "item discriminant" OR "interscale correlation" OR "interscale correlations" OR ((error OR errors) AND (measure* OR correlat* OR evaluat* OR accuracy OR accurate OR precision OR mean)) OR "individual variability" OR "interval variability" OR "rate variability" OR "variability analysis" OR (uncertainty AND (measurement OR measuring)) OR "standard error of measurement" OR sensitiv* OR responsive* OR (limit AND detection) OR "minimal detectable concentration" OR interpretab* OR (small* AND (real OR detectable) AND (change OR difference)) OR "meaningful change" OR "minimal important change" OR "minimal important difference" OR "minimally important change" OR "minimally important difference" OR "minimal detectable change" OR "minimal detectable difference" OR "minimally detectable change" OR "minimally detectable difference" OR "minimal real change" OR "minimal real difference" OR "minimally real change" OR "minimally real difference" OR "ceiling effect" OR "floor effect" OR "Item response model" OR IRT OR Rasch OR "Differential item functioning" OR DIF OR "computer adaptive testing" OR "item bank" OR "cross-cultural equivalence")
 - 4 #1 AND #2 AND #3
 - 5 TITLE("protocol" OR "addresses" OR "biography" OR "case reports" OR "comment" OR "directory" OR "editorial" OR "festschrift" OR "interview" OR "lectures" OR "legal cases" OR "legislation" OR "letter" OR "news" OR "newspaper article" OR "patient education handout" OR "popular works" OR "congresses" OR "consensus development conference" OR "consensus development conference" OR "practice guideline")
 - 6 #4 NOT #5
 - 7 FILTER: Document Type (Review)
 - 8 FILTER: Language (English)
 - 9 FILTER: Period (2008-2018)
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Search strings for Web of Science (WoS)

- 1 TI=(“Quality of Life” OR “HRQOL”)
 - 2 TS=(instrument OR instruments OR questionnaire OR questionnaires OR scale OR scales OR tool OR tools)
 - 3 TS=(“Validation Studies” OR “reproducibility of results” OR reproducib* OR “psychometrics” OR psychometr* OR clinimetr* OR clinometr* OR “observer variation” OR observer variation OR “discriminant analysis” OR reliab* OR valid* OR coefficient OR “internal consistency” OR (cronbach* AND (alpha OR alphas)) OR “item correlation” OR “item correlations” OR “item selection” OR “item selections” OR “item reduction” OR “item reductions” OR agreement OR precision OR imprecision OR “precise values” OR test-retest OR (test AND retest) OR (reliab* AND (test OR retest)) OR stability OR interrater OR inter-rater OR intrarater OR intra-rater OR intertester OR inter-tester OR intratester OR intra-tester OR interobserver OR inter-observer OR intraobserver OR intra-observer OR intertechnician OR inter-technician OR intratechnician OR intra-technician OR interexaminer OR inter-examiner OR intraexaminer OR intra-examiner OR interassay OR inter-assay OR intraassay OR intra-assay OR interindividual OR inter-individual OR intraindividual OR intra-individual OR interparticipant OR inter-participant OR intraparticipant OR intra-participant OR kappa OR “kappa’s” OR kappas OR “coefficient of variation” OR repeatab* OR ((replicab* OR repeated) AND (measure OR measures OR findings OR result OR results OR test OR tests)) OR generaliza* OR generalisa* OR concordance OR (intraclass AND correlation*) OR discriminative OR “known group” OR “factor analysis” OR “factor analyses” OR “factor structure” OR “factor structure” OR dimensionality OR subscale* OR “multitrait scaling analysis” OR “multitrait scaling analyses” OR “item discriminant” OR “interscale correlation” OR “interscale correlations” OR ((error OR errors) AND (measure* OR correlat* OR evaluat* OR accuracy OR accurate OR precision OR mean)) OR “individual variability” OR “interval variability” OR “rate variability” OR “variability analysis” OR (uncertainty AND (measurement OR measuring)) OR “standard error of measurement” OR sensitiv* OR responsive* OR (limit AND detection) OR “minimal detectable concentration” OR interpretab* OR (small* AND (real OR detectable) AND (change OR difference)) OR “meaningful change” OR “minimal important change” OR “minimal important difference” OR “minimally important change” OR “minimally important difference” OR “minimal detectable change” OR “minimal detectable difference” OR “minimally detectable change” OR “minimally detectable difference” OR “minimal real change” OR “minimal real difference” OR “minimally real change” OR “minimally real difference” OR “ceiling effect” OR “floor effect” OR “Item response model” OR IRT OR Rasch OR “Differential item functioning” OR DIF OR “computer adaptive testing” OR “item bank” OR “cross-cultural equivalence”)
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 - 6 #4 NOT #5
 - 7 FILTER: Document Type (Literature Review)
 - 8 FILTER: Language (English)
 - 9 FILTER: Period (2008-2018)
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Search strings for ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global

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- 1 ti("Quality of life" OR HRQOL) OR ab("Quality of life" OR HRQOL)
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