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Initial validation of the Yin-Yang Assessment Questionnaire for persons with diabetes mellitus

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Abstract

AIM: To initially test for the content validity, comprehensibility, test-retest reliability and internal consistency reliability of the Yin-Yang Assessment Questionnaire (YY-AQ).

METHODS: The process of initial validity and reliability test covered (1) content validation from the findings of 18 multiple-case studies, validated Yin- and Yang-deficiency assessment questionnaires, relevant literatures and registered Chinese medicine practitioners (RCMPs); (2) comprehension with the levels of comprehensibility for each item categorized on a 3-point scale (not comprehensible; moderately comprehensible; highly comprehensible). A minimum of three respondents selecting for each item of moderately or highly comprehensible were regarded as comprehensive; (3) test-retest reliability conducted with a 2-week interval. The ICCs and their 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated using a two-way random effects model. Wilcoxon Signed Rank test for related samples was adopted to compare the medians of test-retest scores. An ICC value of 0.85 or higher together with $P > 0.05$, was considered acceptable; and (4) internal consistency of the total items was measured

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