

Instructions for the use of MINCIR scale to assess methodological quality in therapy studies [Instrucciones para la Utilización de la Escala MINCIR para Valorar Calidad Metodológica de Estudios de Terapia]

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Methodological quality (MQ) is a complex multidimensional construct that tests different types of variables. An approach to this issue was the potential to generate a group of valid scales to assess MQ in therapy, diagnosis and prognosis studies. The aim of this article is to provide a guideline to standardize the implementation of a MinCir scale to assess MQ in therapy studies. A detailed description of each item and discipline of the therapy MinCir scale is provided, along with guidelines on how to respond each query. A user guide for applying the therapy MinCir scale was generated.

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