

OMERACT METHODS PROTOCOL FOR DOMAIN MATCH, FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT, AND DISCRIMINATION

WORKING GROUP:

OMERACT has established an approach to instrument selection. This is the 'OMERACT Pathway' and includes an approach to see if an instrument has passed the OMERACT Filter. If you want to follow our protocol, you can agree and move forward. We encourage you to follow this protocol.

We prefer that working groups follow the approach developed and approved by the OMERACT community. However, if the group deviates from the proposed methods, you must write your plans as a protocol. As with any research, working groups must ensure that plans and any modifications made to existing protocols are well documented before beginning the work.

Please mark one of the following two options with an 'X':

1. Our working group has reviewed the methods described in the OMERACT Handbook and will follow the OMERACT Instrument Selection Part A approach, including:
 - **Obtain Working Group and Collaborator Assessment of Domain Match & Feasibility**
Assess whether the instrument selected matches the target domain's content, relevance, and appropriateness for the patient population and intended application. This includes evaluating the alignment between the instrument's items and the specific aspects of the domain that are crucial for meaningful measurement. Additionally, the instrument's feasibility in the intended setting must be assessed. Consider factors such as cost, administration time, and ease of administration for patients and healthcare providers, ensuring that the instrument is practical for routine use without imposing a significant burden.
 - **Recommended Literature Scan for Measurement Properties (Optional)**
Conduct a brief scan of the literature to assess the potential of the instrument's performance in clinical trials, particularly its ability to discriminate across populations and responsiveness.
2. Our working group has reviewed the methods described in the OMERACT Handbook and has decided to follow something other than the OMERACT Instrument Selection Part A approach. We will submit our modified plans to be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Group.

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