

## SELECT METHOD TO IDENTIFY CANDIDATE INSTRUMENT

### WORKING GROUP:

*After understanding the concept to be measured in the patient population and study setting, candidate instruments must be identified using various approaches, considering the time, effort, and resources required. Any of these approaches, or indeed others, could be used to identify a candidate instrument(s). Each has its strengths and limitations, which the working group should consider.*

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

1. **Convenience approach:** Working group members suggest instruments based on their knowledge or experience, but they should also consider the possibility of newer or improved instruments being available.
2. **Instrument repositories:** Researchers can use instrument databases like PROQoLID and the EULAR Outcome Measures Library to identify instruments. OMERACT has completed a comprehensive database comparison, which can be accessed [here](#)
3. **Scoping review approach:** Conducting a scoping review to identify all instruments used for the domain can be comprehensive but time-consuming.
4. **Other (working group-defined approach):** Working groups may choose to define their own custom approach for identifying candidate instruments, allowing flexibility to incorporate unique strategies tailored to their specific needs, resources, or expertise that may not fit the standard methods.

Document the rationale for the selected approach

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