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Abstract

Clinical health professionals may have difficulties to select appropriate schizophrenia-specific Quality of life (QoL) instruments because of the limited information regarding their psychometric properties. Two widely used schizophrenia-specific QoL instruments (Schizophrenia Quality of Life Scale Revision 4 [SQLS-R4] and Lancashire Quality of Life Profile [LQOLP]) were compared in institutionalized people with schizophrenia, and useful recommendations for clinical health professionals were provided. Participants ($n=100$) filled out the two instruments twice. Test-retest reliability, internal consistency, and confirmatory factor analyses (CFAs) were conducted. Both SQLS-R4 domains ($r = 0.573$ to 0.731) and LQOLP domains ($r = 0.303$ to 0.778) had good test-retest reliability. However, the objective QoL domains in the LQOLP showed lower internal consistency ($\alpha = 0.219$ to 0.617) than its subjective QoL domains ($\alpha = 0.532$ to 0.947) and the SQLS-R4 domains ($\alpha = 0.768$ to 0.939). The CFAs with two correlated underlying instruments constructs and two correlated underlying QoL traits (viz., Physical and

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