

LINGUISTIC VALIDATION CERTIFICATE

The Family Dermatology Life Quality Index (FDLQI)

This is to certify that **Mapi Language Services** conducted the linguistic validation of the **paper** version of the **FDLQI** (source file name: **FDLQI_AU1.0_eng-GBori**) into **German for Belgium**.

The aim of linguistic validation is to obtain translations that are:

- conceptually equivalent to the original and comparable across languages;
- culturally relevant to the context of the target country;
- easily understood by the people to whom the translated instrument is administered.

This is achieved using a rigorous methodology¹ involving:

- a process which comprises several steps;
- the instrument's developer input on conceptual issues;
- a skilled team recruited by **Mapi Language Services** in the target country and headed by a consultant with knowledge of and experience in the field of Clinical Outcome Assessments. The consultant supervises and coordinates the linguistic validation process in his/her country;
- a centralized review process coordinated by **Mapi Language Services**, including quality control by linguists and discussions about translation decisions with the consultant at each step of the process.
- cross-cultural harmonisation to ensure common understanding of the instrument's concepts by all participants involved in the process and achieve conceptual equivalence across languages.

The aforementioned translation (filename : FDLQI_AU1.0_deu-BE, dated 21 November 2018) underwent the following steps:

- **Adaptation step based on the German version for Germany in order to render the translation appropriate for the context of Belgium**
- **Developer's Review step**
- **Cognitive Interview step on 5 healthy individuals**
- **Proofreading step**

The mother version on which the linguistic validation work was based had previously undergone the following steps:

- **Forward Translation step**
- **Backtranslation step**
- **Clinician's Review step**
- **Proofreading step**

Mapi Language Services may not be held liable for any changes made on the translation after completion of project **0451-TR-0009** by **Mapi Language Services** on **21 November 2018**.

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