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# KIDSCREEN-52 quality-of-life measure for children and adolescents

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## Abstract

This study describes the development and reports the first psychometric results of the European KIDSCREEN-52 generic health-related quality-of-life questionnaire for children and adolescents. The KIDSCREEN-52, including ten dimensions, was applied in a European survey involving 12 countries (i.e., Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Hungary, The Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and the UK) and 22,110 children and adolescents aged between 8 and 18 years of age. Questionnaire development included a literature search, expert consultation, and focus group discussions with children and adolescents. After definition of dimensions and collection of items, a translation process following international translation guidelines, cognitive interviews and a pilot test were performed. Analysis regarding psychometric properties showed Cronbach- $\alpha$  ranged from 0.77 to 0.89. Correlation coefficients

between KINDL<sup>R</sup> and KIDSCREEN-52 dimensions were high for those assessing similar constructs ( $r = 0.51\text{--}0.68$ ). All KIDSCREEN-52 dimensions showed a gradient according to socioeconomic status and most dimensions showed a gradient according to psychosomatic health complaints. The first results demonstrate that the KIDSCREEN-52 questionnaire is a promising cross-cultural measure of health-related quality-of-life assessment for children and adolescents in Europe.

Keywords::

- children and adolescents
- crosscultural comparison
- health-related quality of life
- questionnaire development
- reliability
- validity

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