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Dear Dr. Kateryna Bielka,

Senior Editor - *Medical Research Archives*

We intend to publish the manuscript entitled **Validity of the Physical Activity Behavior Questionnaire (QCAF) among healthy and unhealthy individuals**, in your esteemed journal as a Research Article. The paper is intended to test the convergent and divergent validity of the Physical Activity Behavior Questionnaire (QCAF, acronym in Portuguese for *Questionário do Comportamento de Atividade Física*), an instrument developed based on the Theory of Planned Behavior.

This manuscript presents for researchers'/health workers a detailed of the complex process of validity, which can be used in future studies of psychometrics properties of instruments also of interest to public health.

The importance of this article is justified by the general applicability of this instrument also in the primary care. It is worthwhile to report that this is a pioneer study in Brazil. To our knowledge, there is no other study that has ever been conducted using this questionnaire in our country nor in other, since it has not been translated to other languages yet. We also would like to highlight that this is a study composed by authors of Unicamp (Campinas, SP, Brazil), Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN, USA) and Université Laval (Québec, QC, Canada).

We state that there is no publication where the same content or data set has been used. Abstract reporting partial results were presented in one scientific event in Brazil. The manuscript has not been previously submitted or published, is not presently under consideration by another journal, and will not be submitted to another journal before a final editorial decision from this paper is rendered.

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The authors