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Axial spondyloarthritis (axSpA) is an inflammatory rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease that mainly affects the axial skeleton and sacroiliac joints[1]. Physical activity has demonstrated benefits on disease outcomes independent of pharmacological treatment[2,3]. For this reason, regular physical activity is recommended for all axSpA patients[4,5].

With the aim to evaluate the amount and type of daily physical activity in the general population, the Short Questionnaire to Assess Health-enhancing physical activity (SQUASH) was developed[6], which was subsequently modified to improve its validity in axSpA patients (mSQUASH)[7]. The mSQUASH evaluates four domains: commuting activities, household activities, leisure-time and sports activities, and activities at work and school[6]. This questionnaire should be translated and adapted in other languages to extend its use to SpA patients from other countries. This study reports the translation and cross-cultural adaptation of the mSQUASH into the French language among patients with SpA.

The cross-cultural adaptation study of the mSQUASH into French language was developed based on the current international recommendations[8] and followed the international standardized protocol used by the Assessment of Spondyloarthritis International Society (ASAS) group[9]. Translation and cross-cultural adaptation of the Dutch version was done using the forward-backward procedure, consisting of 5 steps: a) translation (three native speakers for French, one without medical knowledge, translated the original Dutch version of the mSQUASH into French); b) synthesis of translation; c) back translation (three bilingual native speakers for Dutch, one without medical knowledge, translated the consensual French version into the original Dutch language); d) expert committee review and e) field test with cognitive debriefing (the final version of the mSQUASH translated in French was pre-tested by ten native French SpA patients) (Figure 1)[10].

Minor discrepancies were found across translators during the Dutch - French translation and only minor discrepancies appeared in the back-translation. The final version of the translation French-Dutch was reviewed by a native French speaker (OF) with the aim to check and confirm the style and understanding of the items. During the expert review committee meeting involving the translators, back translators, and the members of the research team, some discrepancies were discussed.

Finally, the pre-final French version of the mSQUASH was tested within eight patients with axSpA and in two with psoriatic arthritis. Table 1 summarizes the demographic and clinical characteristics of the 10 participants. The mean time to complete the mSQUASH was 8.2 (5.2) minutes. In general, no single patient had difficulties in answering the questionnaire. All patients read and understood the instructions provided. Overall, participants found the items of the French version of the mSQUASH clear and understandable, without need to modify the final version (Supplementary material).

This study provides the French version of the mSQUASH questionnaire, which was translated into French in accordance with the current international guidelines for this procedure[8]. The translation and back-translation process ensured the language equivalence and cultural adaptation of this questionnaire. In addition, patients correctly understood the tool during the cognitive debriefing process, confirming the content validity. As a next step, clinical studies using this questionnaire are needed to test the psychometric properties of this new French version of the mSQUASH.

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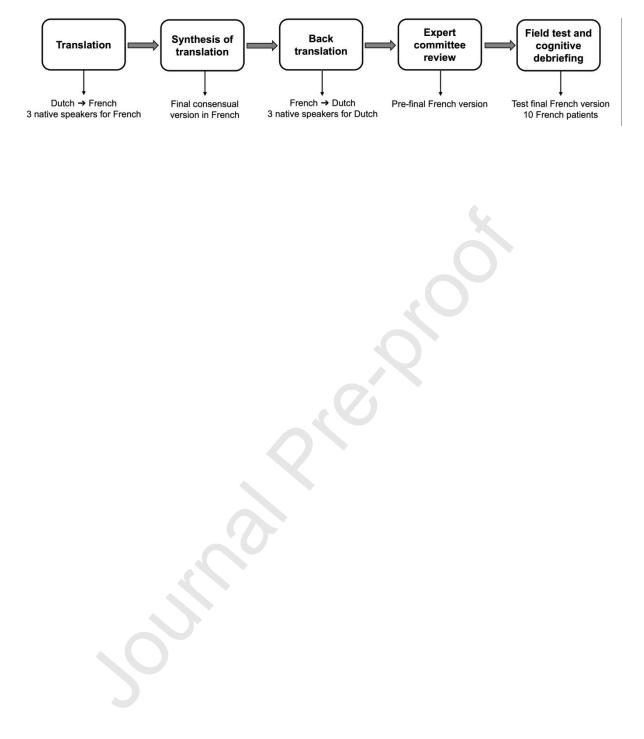
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Figure 1. Modified Short Questionnaire to Assess Health-enhancing physical activity (mSQUASH) translation and cross-cultural adaptation workflow and procedure.



Patient	Sex	Age	Diagnosis	Disease	Working	Educational	ASDAS	Treatment
				duration	status	status		
				(years)				
1	Female	36	axSpA	18	Full-time	University	2.5	NSAIDs
2	Male	37	axSpA	8	Full-time	University	1.3	bDMARDs
3	Male	42	PsA	13	Full-time	University	2.5	bDMARDs
4	Female	50	axSpA	16	Full-time	University	0.1	bDMARDs
5	Male	52	axSpA	35	-	High school	1.8	bDMARDs
6	Male	41	PsA	2	Full-time	University	2.6	NSAIDs
7	Male	53	axSpA	15	Full-time	University	2.9	NSAIDs
8	Male	56	axSpA	36	Full-time	University	2.8	NSAIDs
9	Male	51	axSpA	28	Full-time	University	0.7	bDMARDs
10	Female	59	axSpA	26	Full-time	High school	3.2	NSAIDs

#### Table 1. Individual patient characteristics.

ASDAS: Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Score; axSpA; axial Spondyloarthritis; bDMARDs: biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs; NSAIDs: non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

mSQUASH Questionnaire - Activité Phy:	Date: Nomlétude: Pays:									
EXPLICATION - Veuillez lire avec attention les instructions avant de Considerez une semaine moyenne au cours du dernier mois, Veuillez Indquer. - combien de jours par semaine vous avez effectue les adivités ci-dessous - combien de temps par jour - que teate le deysé deffort le à ces activités										
UN EXAMPLE										
Trajet domicile-travail/école	Non applicable	Nombre de jour par semaine	G Durée moyenne p	ar Degré d'effort						
1. Marcher versídu travali/école	0	5_jours	0_heure 30 mir	Moyen/modéré						
Explication pour la degré d'affort: Lentileger: Vous ne ressentez pas d'augmentation de la fréquence cardiaque ou de la respiration Moyenimodee: Vous resentez une légère augmentation de la fréquence cardiaque et une accéleration de la respiration RapideIntense: Activités phyloliques qui vous font transpirer, augmenter votre fréquence cardiaque et vous essoufier.										
DEBUT DU QUESTIONNAIRE										
Trajet domicile-travall/école (aller et retour	): Non applicable	Nombre de jour par cemaine	5 Durée moyenne p jour	ar Degré d'effort						
1. Marcher vers le travail/ l'école	0	jours	heuresminu	O Moyen/modéré O Rapide/intense						
<ol> <li>Aller en vélo au travali/à l'école</li> </ol>	0	jours	heuresminu	tes Uentlièger Moyen/modèré Rapide/intense						
Autres trajets (aller et retour): (par example, pour aller au supermarché ou à la salle de sports)	Non applicable	Nombre de jou par cemaine	Irg Durée moyenne p jour	ar Degré d'effort						
3. Marcher vers d'autres endroits	0	jours	heuresminu	tes O Lentléger O Moyen/modéré O Rapide/intense						
<ol> <li>Alier en vélo à d'autres endroits</li> </ol>	0	]ours	heures minu	O Moyen/modéré O Rapide/intense						
Travali (rémunéré ou non) ou école/	•		Non applicable	Moyenne du temps par cemaine						
5. Comblen d'heures par semaine travail	ez-vous ou sulve	z-vous des cours'	7 0	heures						
<ol> <li>Combien de ces heures représentent (soulever régulièrement des objets lou menus)</li> </ol>	0	heures								
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Travaux ménagers	Non applicable	Nombre de jours par semaine	Durée moyenne par jour	Degré d'effort						
<ol> <li>Travaux ménagers légers et modérément intenses (cuisinet, faire la valuelle, repasser, s'occuper des enfants enfants, passer l'aspirateur, faire le courses)</li> </ol>	0	jours	heures minutes	O Lentiléger O Moyen/modéré O Rapide/intense						
<ol> <li>Travaux ménagers pénibles (passer la serpiliere, battre les tapis, porter des courses lourdes)</li> </ol>	0	jours	heures minutes	O Lentiléger O Moyen/modèré O Rapide/Intense						
Temps libre	Non applicable	Nombre de jours par semaine	Durée moyenne par Jour	Degré d'effort						
9. Marche récréative	0	jours	heuresminutes	O Lentiléger O Moyen/modéré O Rapide/Intense						
10. Cyclisme récréatif (vélo normal/ électrique) 11. Jardiner	0	jours	heuresminutes	Lentléger     Moyen/modéré     Rapide/intense     Lentléger						
12. Bricoler	0	jours	heuresminutes	Moyen/modéré     Rapide/intense     Lentiléger						
13. Faire des magasins	0	jours	heuresminutes	O Moyen/modéré Rapide/intense Lentléger						
				Moyen/modéré     Rapide/intense						
Sports (per exemple tennis, sports de ballon, petinage, natation, danse, physio-fitness, thérapie par le mouvement/exercise ou tout autre activité physique	Non applicable	Nombre de jours par semaine	Durée moyenne par jour	Degré d'effort						
non mentionnée dans le questionnaire) 14	0	jours	heuresminutes	Lentléger     Moyen/modéré     Rapide/Intense						
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16		jours	heures minutes	O Lentitéger Moyen/modéré Rapide/intense						
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