

## Editorial

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This is a special issue of the journal that includes a paper reflecting collaboration in the Middle East and North Africa Region. This is clear through the paper included and the abstract of the conference in Tunisia

Saberi , et al., looked at the Reliability and Validity of the Persian Version of Widow's Lived Experience Inventory, 90-Item among Iranian Divergent Ethnic Groups. The authors stressed that Widowhood is the end stage of married life that is accompanied by emotional and physical stresses. Their lived experiences of widows against widowhood challenges. The aim of study was to develop and extract the psychometric properties of the Persian version index of widow's lived experience (IWLE, 90-Items). A total of 493 widows were randomly selected from six ethnic groups across Iran. Data collection was then carried out using WRS and demographic questionnaire. The scale structure was evaluated by assessing goodness of fit in confirmatory factor analysis (CFA). Internal consistency was also assessed by Cronbach's alpha and the optimal cut-off points were calculated by calculating the value of the area under the ROC. Data analysis was then carried out using IBM-SPSS Ver. 24 and AMOS Ver.24. The construct validity of the IWLE was assessed using CFA and the results showed that the six subscales explained a total of 74.45% of the variance. IWLE scale exhibited excellent reliability ( $\alpha=0.97$ ) for the whole scale ( $ICC = 0.96$ ) ( $p<0.001$ ). The researcher extracted five components, including Economic, Social, Intergenerationality, Remarriage, and Health along with 11 subdomains and confirmed by goodness of fit indices. The authors stated that the results revealed that the Persian version of IWLE is a valid and reliable tool that can be used by other researchers to measure widows' lived experiences in the Iranian and Middle Eastern contexts.

The second part of the issue is the abstract booklet of the 4th National congress of Geriatrics and 4TH Euro Med Geriatric meeting that took place in Tunisia between 20 to 21 May , 2023. The theme of the conference was Geriatric emergency. The conference is organized by the Tunisian society of geriatrics in collaboration with International Institute of Ageing INIA , and Internal association of gerontology IAGG and Middle East and North Africa Association of Ageing and Alzheimer's MENAAA and Murghab Academy for Medicine of Ageing.