

**USING ADVANCED STATISTICAL
TECHNIQUES TO DEVELOP AND
UNDERSTAND OUTCOME MEASURES:
WHAT CAN THEY DO AND WHY ARE
THEY IMPORTANT**

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MEASUREMENT PROPERTIES

Nominal

Characteristics can be distinguished

A D
C B

Ordinal

Characteristics can be sorted

$A < B < C < D$

Metric

Distances between the values can be calculated

1.4 1.6 1.8 2 2.2

SCIM-SPINAL CORD INDEPENDENCE MEASURE

Version III, Sept 14, 2002

Self-Care

DATE

EXam 1 2 3 4 5 6
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1. Feeding (cutting, opening containers, pouring, bringing food to mouth, holding cup with fluid)

- 0. Needs parenteral, gastrostomy, or fully assisted oral feeding
- 1. Needs partial assistance for eating and/or drinking, or for wearing adaptive devices
- 2. Eats independently; needs adaptive devices or assistance only for cutting food and/or pouring and/or opening containers
- 3. Eats and drinks independently; does not require assistance or adaptive devices

2. Bathing (soaping, washing, drying body and head, manipulating water tap). A-upper body; B-lower body

- A. 0. Requires total assistance
- 1. Requires partial assistance
- 2. Washes independently with adaptive devices or in a specific setting (e.g., bars, chair)
- 3. Washes independently; does not require adaptive devices or specific setting (not customary for healthy people) (adss)
- B. 0. Requires total assistance
- 1. Requires partial assistance
- 2. Washes independently with adaptive devices or in a specific setting (adss)
- 3. Washes independently; does not require adaptive devices (adss) or specific setting

3. Dressing (clothes, shoes, permanent orthoses: dressing, wearing, undressing). A-upper body; B-lower body

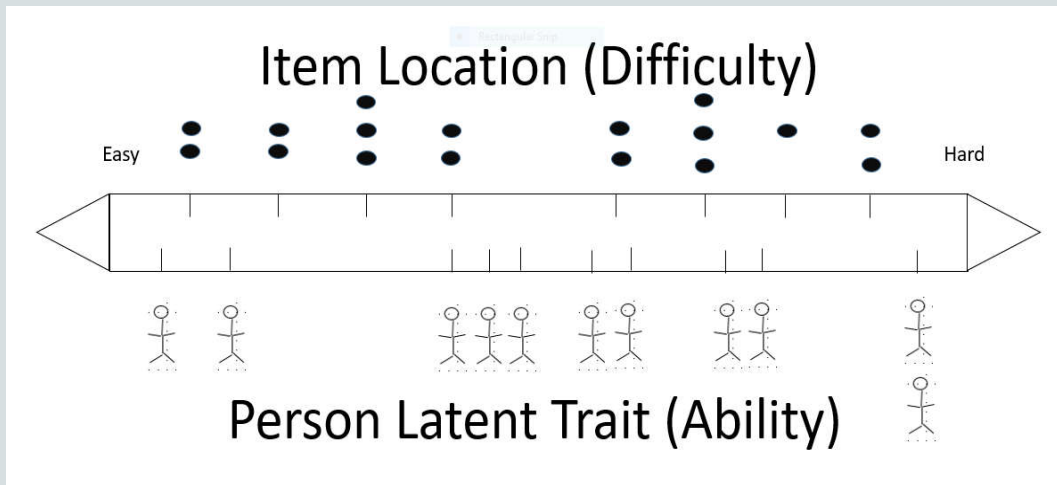
- A. 0. Requires total assistance
- 1. Requires partial assistance with clothes without buttons, zippers or laces (cwobzl)
- 2. Independent with cwobzl; requires adaptive devices and/or specific settings (adss)
- 3. Independent with cwobzl; does not require adss; needs assistance or adss only for bzl
- 4. Dresses (any cloth) independently; does not require adaptive devices or specific setting
- B. 0. Requires total assistance
- 1. Requires partial assistance with clothes without buttons, zipps or laces (cwobzl)
- 2. Independent with cwobzl; requires adaptive devices and/or specific settings (adss)
- 3. Independent with cwobzl without adss; needs assistance or adss only for bzl
- 4. Dresses (any cloth) independently; does not require adaptive devices or specific setting

4. Grooming (washing hands and face, brushing teeth, combing hair, shaving, applying makeup)

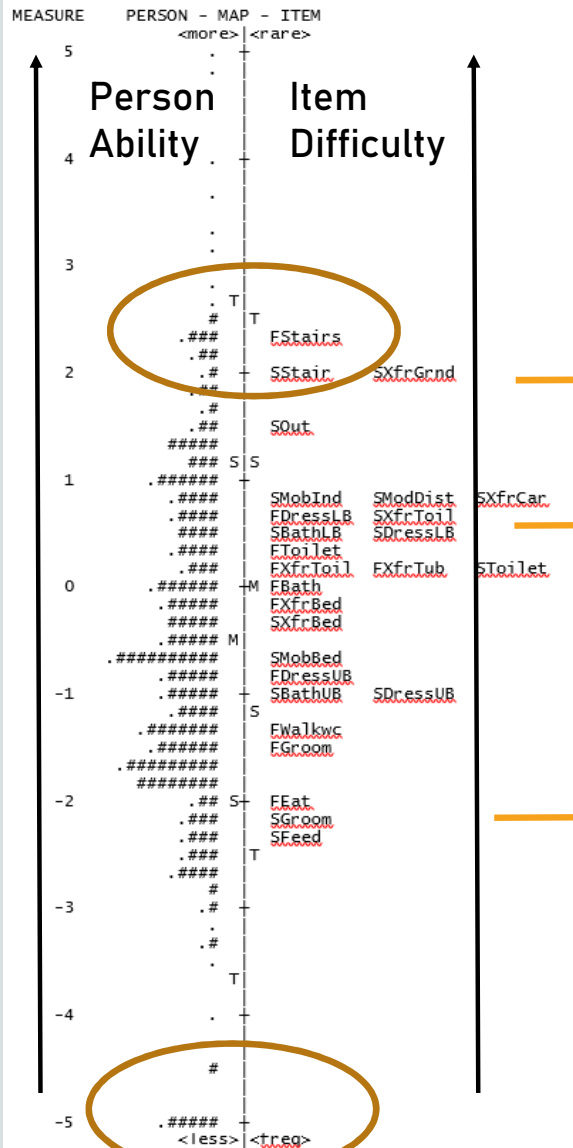
- 0. Requires total assistance
- 1. Requires partial assistance
- 2. Grooms independently with adaptive devices
- 3. Grooms independently without adaptive devices

SUBTOTAL (0-20)

RASCH ANALYSIS



- Linearized measure
- Co-calibrates items and persons
- Log odds of an individual person with X ability to achieve Y score
- Probabilities



Stairs
Ground transfers

Mobility/walking items
Dressing
Bathing

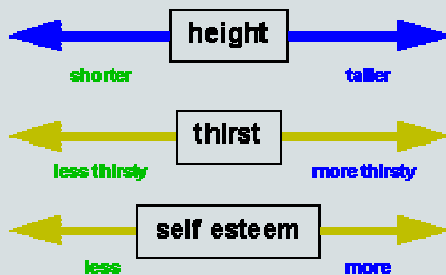
Grooming
Feeding

More difficult

Less difficult

RASCH ANALYSIS

- Assumes a unidimensional model
 - E.g. items measure the same thing



Motor items

Self- care
Mobility
Involuntary
movement

Cognitive
items

Functional Independence Measure

- 1) Eating
- 2) Grooming
- 3) Bathing
- 4) Upper body dressing
- 5) Lower body dressing
- 6) Toileting
- 7) Bladder management
- 8) Bowel management
- 9) Bed to chair transfer
- 10) Toilet transfer
- 11) Shower transfer
- 12) Locomotion
- 13) Stairs
- 14) Cognitive comprehension
- 15) Expression
- 16) Social interaction
- 17) Problem solving
- 18) Memory

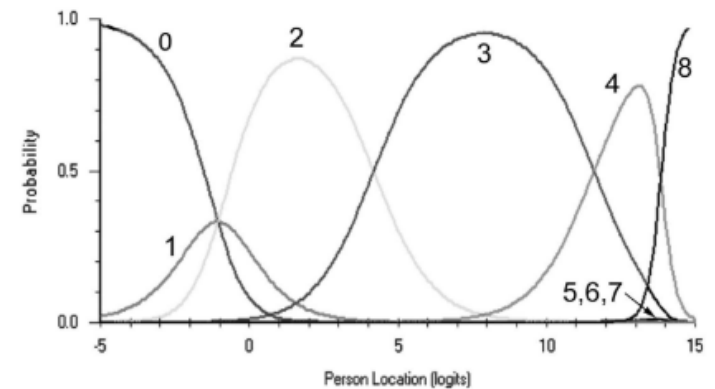
RASCH ANALYSIS

- Items (fit)
 - Do items “fit” the model?
 - Are items redundant?
- Scores
 - Are scores “ordered”?
 - Are all scores “used”?

Reed et al, 2017

a

SCIM score	Mobility Indoors (SCIM Item #12)
0	Requires total assistance
1	Needs electric wheelchair or partial assistance to operate manual wheelchair
2	Moves independently in manual wheelchair
3	Requires supervision while walking (with or without devices)
4	Walks with a walking frame or crutches (swing)
5	Walks with crutches or two canes (reciprocal walking)
6	Walks with one cane
7	Needs leg orthosis only
8	Walks without walking aids



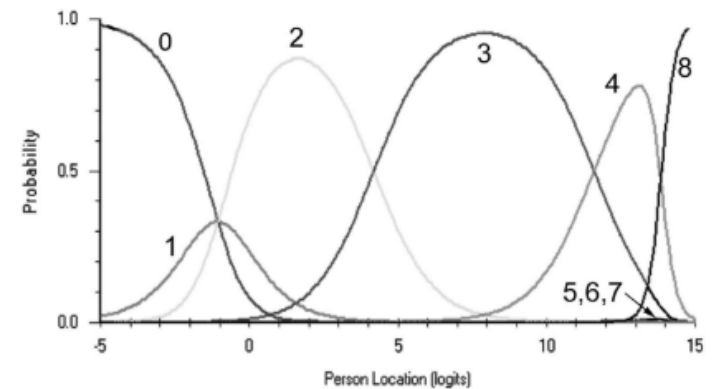
RASCH ANALYSIS - USES

- Understanding of existing measures
 - Rasch analysis of SCIM III

Catz et al, 2007
Reed et al, 2017

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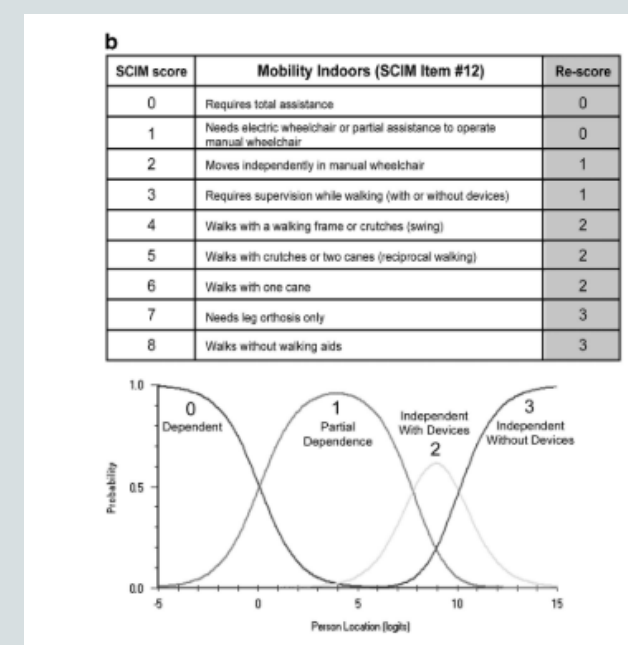
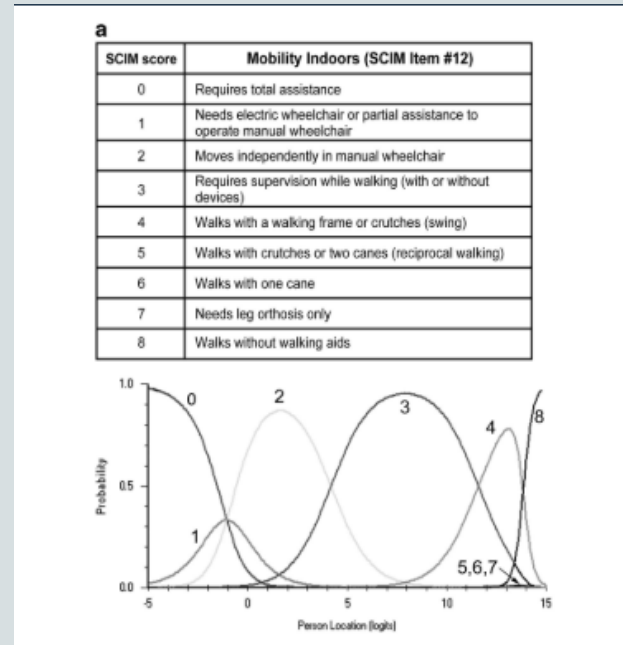
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RASCH ANALYSIS - USES

- Measurement development

- Develop measure
- Assess in group of people
- Refine measure
 - Eliminate redundant items
 - Gaps
 - Scoring
 - Balance with clinical utility

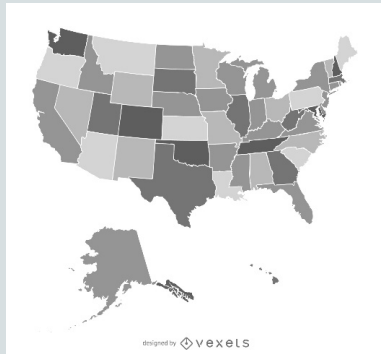


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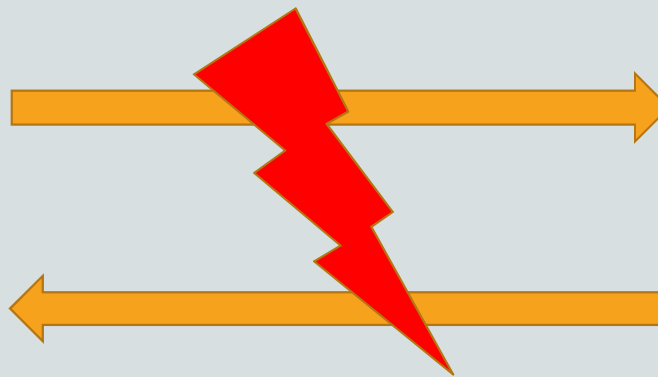
FUNCTIONAL OUTCOME MEASURES

Activities of Daily Living Clinical Outcome Assessments

Functional Independence Measure



Spinal Cord Independence Measure, version III



Neurological and functional recovery after thoracic spinal cord injury

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GENERIC FUNCTION IN HUMANS

Activities of daily living



Phase III clinical trials:

How an individual feels, functions, survives

Must be clinically meaningful

OBJECTIVE

Create and validate a crosswalk for voluntary motor function

Functional Independence Measure

Generic assessment

11 voluntary motor items

7 levels of scoring



Spinal Cord Independence Measure III

Spinal cord specific measure

16 voluntary motor items

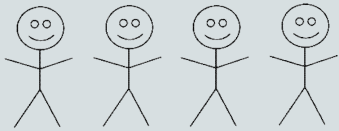
2-7 levels of scoring

SPECIFIC AIMS

- Create FIM/SCIM III crosswalks using three different methods
- Validate FIM/SCIM III crosswalks for all three methods in a separate dataset
- Identify the optimal method

METHODS

Study Design: Common Person

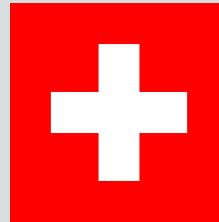


FIM and SCIM III
voluntary
musculoskeletal
movement items

Single data point

Collected within 7
days

Development Dataset



SWISS
n = 662

Validation Datasets



Canadian
n = 133

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

United States (US) multi-center study to assess the validity and reliability of the Spinal Cord Independence Measure (SCIM III)

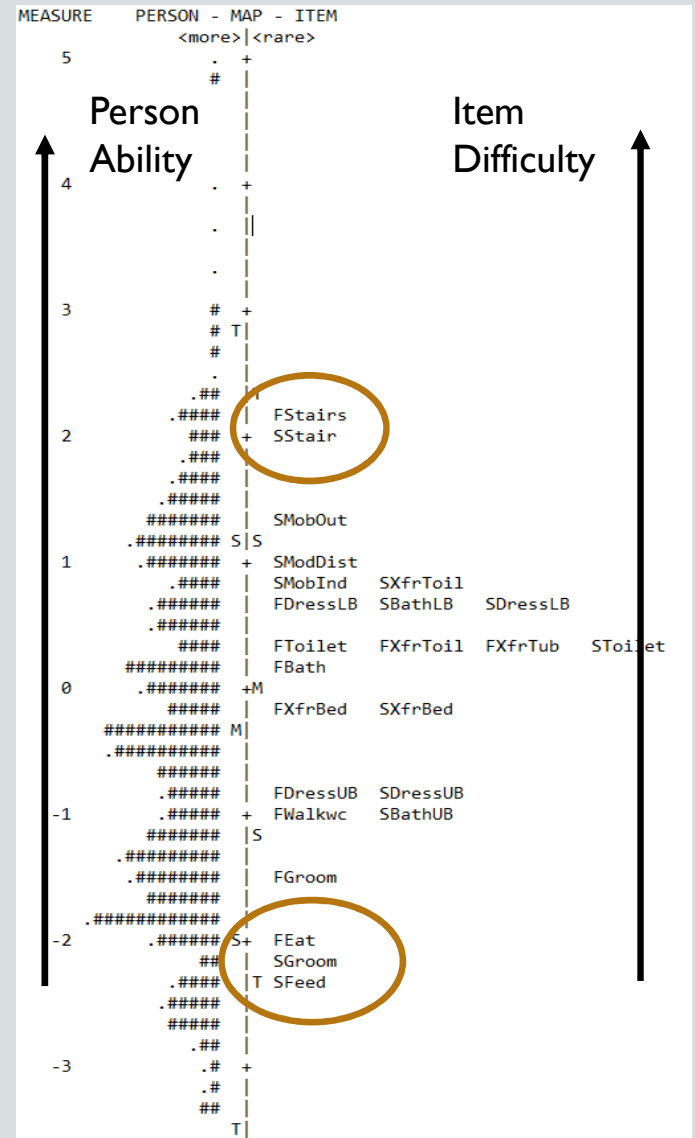
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US
n = 119

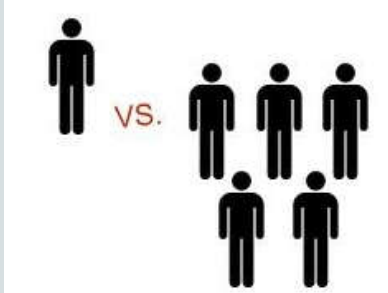
RESULTS: RASCH COCALIBRATION

FIM and SCIM III items are co-calibrated on a linear, common scale

FIM and SCIM III are “matched” based on item difficulty



CROSSWALK



Group and individual level

- ✓ Correlation coefficient > 0.866
- ✓ Point differences

FIM of 56

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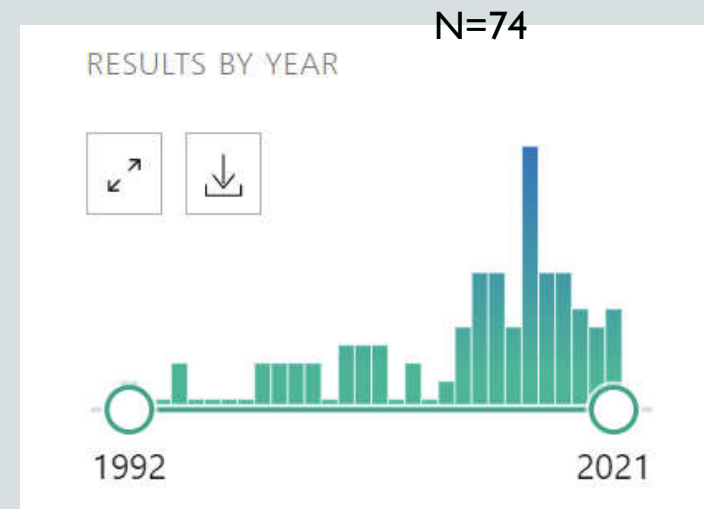
SCIM III score of 32

(voluntary motor score)

FIM raw scores	Rasch SCIM conversion	FIM raw scores	Equiperentile SCIM conversion
11	1	48	26
12	2	49	27
13	3	50	28
14	4	51	28.5
15	5	52	29
16	6	53	30
17	6	54	31
18	7	55	31.5
19	8	56	32
20	8	57	33
21	9	58	34
22	9	59	35
23	10	60	36
24	11	61	37
25	11	62	38
26	12	63	39
27	12.5	64	41
28	13	65	43
29	14	66	44
30	15	67	46

TAKE HOME POINTS

- In most cases, use of advanced statistical techniques for outcome measure development is warranted and desirable
- Have seen an increase in use of advanced techniques in human outcome measures in recent years
- Rarely used in animal outcome measures
 - E.g. Basso, Beattie, Bresnahan scale (BBB) locomotor rating scale- 21 points
- Can these techniques be used to further understand similarities and differences in animal and human outcome measures?



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