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PRO: Application of PRO instruments in Spain: systematic review and evidence-based recommendations.

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SUMMARY OF PROJECT

BiblioPRO is a virtual library of Health-Related Quality of Life questionnaires and other Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) in Spanish with free and open access. It aims to promote the appropriate use of these instruments in research, clinical practice and social-healthcare management, providing comprehensive online information, evidence-based evaluations, as well as specialized training in this field.

Thanks to the aid granted, it has been possible to continue updating and improving the library of instruments in Spanish, with an accumulated total of 2256 instruments, 22128 registered users and the management of 3,471 licenses for use.

Also as a result of this grant, the new BiblioPRO-International website has been created and will be published in the first quarter of 2020 (www.biblioprointernational.org). The new website will provide the international scientific community with information on PRO instruments available in Spanish and other languages, as well as streamlining the legal procedures for requesting licenses for use.

Another result of the project that has improved the application of PROs is the development of the EMPRO online tool (www.empro.imim.es), which allows the quality of PRO instruments to be evaluated in a standardized manner and facilitates the consensus process by expert evaluators. The new platform has been developed for two types of profiles, administrator and user. The administrator is in charge of designing the evaluation by specifying the instruments and their related publications to be evaluated. In turn, the administrator assigns the tasks to the expert evaluators, who from their profile can access the documents to be reviewed for the evaluation. The information on EMPRO is available on the BiblioPRO web page so that it can be used by other researchers or professionals in the Spanish health system.