



LINGUISTIC VALIDATION CERTIFICATE

Graves' orbitopathy Quality of Life (GO-QOL)

This is to certify that **ICON Language Services** conducted the linguistic validation of the **paper** version of the **GO-QOL** (source file name: **GO-QOL_AU1.2_eng-USori**) into **Bulgarian for Bulgaria**.

The aim of linguistic validation is to obtain translations that are:

- conceptually equivalent to the original and comparable across languages;
- culturally relevant to the context of the target country;
- easily understood by the people to whom the translated instrument is administered.

This is achieved using a rigorous ISO-17100 certified methodology¹ involving:

- a process which comprises several steps;
- the instrument's developer input on conceptual issues;
- a skilled team recruited by **ICON Language Services** in the target country and headed by a consultant with knowledge of and experience in the field of Clinical Outcome Assessments. The consultant supervises and coordinates the linguistic validation process in his/her country;
- a centralized review process coordinated by **ICON Language Services**, including quality control by linguists and discussions about translation decisions with the consultant at each step of the process.
- cross-cultural harmonisation to ensure common understanding of the instrument's concepts by all participants involved in the process and achieve conceptual equivalence across languages.

The aforementioned translation (filename : GO-QOL_AU1.2_bul-BG_29NOV2023, dated 29 November 2023) underwent the following steps:

- Forward Translation step – 2 forward translations by qualified translators and reconciliation
- Backtranslation step – 1 backtranslation by a qualified translator
- Proofreading step

ICON Language Services may not be held liable for any changes made on the translation after completion of project **0295-TR-229912** by **ICON Language Services** on **29 November 2023**.

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¹ References:

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