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Correlation Between Spirituality and Quality of Life in People With Musculoskeletal Disorders: A **Cross-Sectional Study**

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Abstract

Background

The prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders (MSKDs) is increasing day by day in industrially growing countries like India. Spirituality forms the roots of Indian culture, and according to the World Health Organization (WHO), it is one of the important factors affecting health. Many studies have concluded the correlation between spirituality and quality of life (QoL), but when works of literature were searched on PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science, no such study was conducted in India on people with MSKDs. Hence, the aim of this study is to find out the correlation between spirituality and QoL in patients with MSKDs.

Methods

In this cross-sectional study, 161 patients with MSKDs coming to Dhiraj General Hospital, Vadodara, India, from October 2023 to December 2023, fulfilling the inclusion and exclusion criteria, were included. The demographic data and the site of pain were recorded. The severity of pain was assessed using the Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NPRS). The Daily Spiritual Experience Scale (DSES) and RAND 36-Item Health Survey (Version 1.0) were used to assess spirituality and QoL.

DSES was found to have a fair correlation with NPRS with a p-value of 0.013. Among the eight components of RAND-36, energy, emotional well-being, social function, pain, and general health were found to have a positive correlation with DSES with p-values of 0.008, 0.001, 0.009, 0.032, and <0.001, respectively, whereas no correlation was found between DSES and other components of RAND-36.

This study provides empirical data about how spirituality is positively related to different aspects of QoL This can be further useful in planning integrated healthcare approaches based on spirituality for better OoL in patients with MSKDs.

Categories: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Orthopedics, Therapeutics Keywords: daily spiritual experience scale, musculoskeletal disorders, pain, quality of life, spirituality

Introduction

Musculoskeletal disorders (MSKDs) are becoming one of the major issues due to the increase in their prevalence in developing countries like India [1,2]. The quality of life (QoL) of people with MSKDs like low back pain, knee pain, neck pain, etc. gets affected as they have decreased mobility, an increase in pain, and s, which increase their dependency on others [3]

Spirituality forms the roots of Indian culture and has been identified as an important factor affecting QoL and health by the World Health Organization (WHO) [4.5]. Spirituality is basically defined as "the wa people connect to their own self, to the present, to others, to nature and to the divine" [6]. According to Indian philosophy, spirituality is the union of individual consciousness (own self) with the universal consciousness (divine) [4]. A spiritual person learns to manage a stressful event by constantly adapting his behavior and thinking toward such negative events, which is termed "spiritual coping." This improves bodily, mental, and social well-being, which helps in self-realization [7,8]. Spiritual coping also inculcates hope in patients, which helps the patients to deal with their bodily aches and pains in a better way. Patients who are highly spiritual use tactics such as finding logical solutions to problems, moving away from negativity, positive feedback, self-discipline, and accepting help from others, which aids in improving their QoL [9,10].

Many studies have concluded the correlation between spirituality and QoL, but to the best of our knowledge, no such study is available on PubMed, Scopus, or Web of Science that has been conducted in India on people with MSKDs. Hence, the aim of this study is to find out the correlation between spirituality and QoL in patients with MSKDs

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Materials And Methods

This study was approved by the Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Institutional Ethics Committee, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth (Demed to Be University), Vadodara, India, on October 16, 2023, with the approval number SVIEC/ON/Phys/RP/OC/123/4. The above study has also been registered in the Clinical Trials Registry India (CTRI), and the CTRI number is CTRI/2024/03/064123.

Study design

This cross-sectional study was conducted for a time-bound period of three months from October 2023 to December 2023 at the Outdoor Physiotherapy Department (OPD) of Dhiraj General Hospital (DGH), Vadodara, India. The sample size was calculated with the following formula:

$$n = \left(\frac{Z_{\alpha/2}^2 \cdot P(1-P)}{d^2}\right)$$

where prevalence (P) was found to be 42% and an allowable error (d) of 8%, and due to non-response the obtained sample size was increased by 10%. Hence, the calculated sample size was found to be 161, and the method of sampling was convenient. Patients diagnosed with any MSKD by a physiotherapist or an orthopedic surgeon were included in the study based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria.

Inclusion criteria

Patients aged 18 or older, diagno ed with any MSKD for at least three months, and those who can read and understand Hindi, Gujarati, or English, were included in the study.

Exclusion criteria

Patients with any major musculoskeletal, traumatic, or congenital orthopedic conditions; cardiopulmonary, neurological, psychosomatic, or cognitive impairments; or a recent history of any surgery within three months were excluded.

Procedure

All the subjects diagnosed with any MSKD by an orthopedic surgeon or physiotherapist willing to participate



in the study were included based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria. The subjects were explained about the study and asked to sign the consent form. A thorough physiotherapy examination was done, and the following outcome measures were taken: The Daily Spiritual Experience Scale (DSES) and RAND-36 Version 1.0

Variables and instruments

The DSES was used to assess spirituality. The permission to use and translate this scale was taken from the original author. It is a 16-item self-administered questionnaire developed for use in healthcare, and it assesses the daily spiritual esperiences of an individual [11]. The items in the questionnaire referred to both spirituality and religiosity. Most of the items in DSES were theistic, but some of the items in it were also designed to measure the spiritual experiences of those who had an atheistic view. This scale has been used in over 70 published studies [12]. This scale is originally available in English and Hindi. Considering cross-cultural adaptation, this scale was translated into Gujarati by language experts, and face validation was conducted by 10 experts.

The QoL was assessed using the RAND 36-Item Health Survey (Version 1.0), which consists of eight components; physical function, pain, role limitation due to physical health problems, role limitation due to emotional problems, emotional well-being, social functioning, energy/fatigue, and general health. This scale is available in English and Gujarati and is found to have good reliability and validity [13,14]. Due to the unavailability of RAND-36 in Hindi, it was translated into Hindi by language experts, and face validation was done by 10 experts.

IBM SPSS Statistics for Windows, Version 20 (Released 2011; IBM Corp., Armonk, New York, United States) was used for the statistical analysis. The baseline data was analyzed using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, and the correlation was checked using Spearman's rank correlation coefficient.

Results

A total of 170 patients diagnosed with any MSKD by an orthopedic surgeon or physiotherapist referred to the OPD of DGH, Vadodara, India, were screened. Out of these, 161 patients willing to participate were included based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Three patients had withdrawn because of time constraints. The flow diagram representing the data collection is shown in Figure 1.

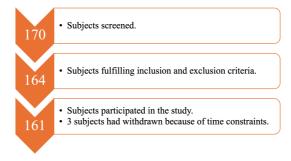


FIGURE 1: Flow diagram representing data collection

The normality was checked using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for the baseline data, age, and the p-value at a 95% confidence interval is depicted in Table 1. There was no statistically significant difference in the baseline data of the subjects, and the data followed the normal distribution curve.

Variable	Mean±SD	p-value	Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic (D)
Age	40.73±15.58	0.01845	0.1195

TABLE 1: Baseline characteristics

SD: standard deviation; p: probability; D: distance

TABLE 2: Demographic data

The demographic data regarding the percentage distribution of females: males and the joints affected is shown in Table $\it 2$.

Demographic data	Variable	Percentage (%)	
Gender distribution	Female	64	
serider distribution	Male	36	
int affection	Lower back	43	
Joint affection	Knee	20	
	Upper back	12	
	Neck	11	
	Shoulder	7	
	Ankle	2	
	Feet	2	
	Wrist	1	
	Hip	1	
	Elbow	1	

The correlation between DSES and different components of RAND-36 and the Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NPRS) was calculated using Spearman's rank correlation coefficient, and the p-value at a 95% confidence interval is given in Table 3.



Variable	Correlation w	ith DSES
Agrianie	R (rho)	p-value
RAND-36 physical function	0.025	0.757
RAND-36 role limitation due to physical health	-0.099	0.212
RAND-36 role limitation due to emotional problem	-0.131	0.096
RAND-36 energy	-0.208	0.008
RAND-36 emotional well-being	-0.248	0.001
RAND-36 social function	-0.206	0.009
RAND-36 pain	-0.168	0.033
RAND-36 general health	-0.272	<0.001
NPRS	-0.196	0.013

TABLE 3: Correlation between DSES, NPRS, and QoL

DSES: Daily Spiritual Experience Scale; NPRS: Numerical Pain Rating Scale; p: probability; QoL: quality of life

The lower value of DSES indicates higher spirituality and higher values of RAND-36 indicate better QoL, hence negative correlation was found between DSES and five components of RAND-36, that is energy, emotional well-being, social function, pain, and general health with a p-value of less than 0.05, whereas no correlation was found with physical function, role limitation due to physical health and emotional problems. A negative correlation was found between DSES and NPRS with a p-value of less than 0.05.

The scatter diagram indicating the negative correlation between DSES and five components of RAND-36, that is energy, emotional well-being, social function, pain, and general health and NPRS is depicted in Figure 2. This describes that as the spirituality increases, the QoL improves and as the value of DSES decreases, the value of NPRS increases.

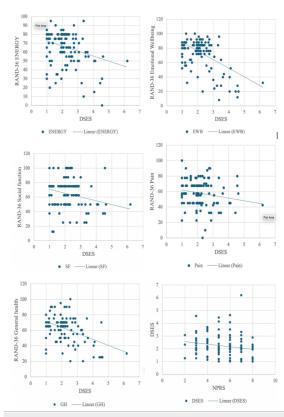


FIGURE 2: Correlation of DSES with different components of RAND-36 and NPRS

DSES: Daily Spiritual Experience Scale; NPRS: Numerical Pain Rating Scale; EWB: emotional well-being; SF: social function; GH: general health

Discussion

In the present study, the correlation between spirituality and QoL was studied. Spirituality was assessed using DSES. Underwood, in the year 2011, developed and studied the psychometric properties of this scale and concluded that this scale had good reliability and validity [12]. This scale has also been used in more than 70 published studies [11]. Hence, DSES was used to assess spirituality.

RAND-36 is one of the commonly used scales to assess QoL. VanderZee et al. studied the psychometric properties of the RAND-36-Item Health Survey 1.0 on 1063 participants in the year 1996. This study concluded that RAND-36 had good reliability and validity [13]. Hence, it was used to assess the QoL.

The results concluded that a negative correlation was found between DSES and five components of RAND-36, that is, energy, emotional well-being, social function, pain, and general health. The lower the score of DSES, the higher the level of spirituality; because of this, the emotional aspects and general health improve, which increases the score of RAND-36. Therefore, the correlation value was found to be negative.



Bai et al. studied the relationship between spirituality and QoL in 102 Black patients with cancer pain and concluded that spirituality is associated with decreased pain and improves the overall QoL, specifically social, emotional, and functional domains, which supports our study [15].

No correlation was found between DSES and other components of RAND-36, that is, physical function, role limitation due to physical health, and emotional problems.

Aloush et al. studied the relationship between religiosity, spirituality, and physical and mental outcomes in 55 patients with fibromyalgia, where they concluded that spirituality was negatively correlated with role limitation due to physical health and emotional problems, which supports our study [16].

A negative correlation was found between DSES and NPRS. Moreira-Almeida and Koenig in the year 2006 studied the relationship of religiousness and spirituality in chronic pain patients and concluded that religious variables are not usually associated with pain variables, which supports our study [17].

Most elderly people in India are inclined toward spirituality, and due to the physiological aging process, their pain levels were found to be high. This can also be one of the reasons for the negative correlation.

The present study concludes that spirituality, which is the independent variable, was found to have a positive correlation with the dependent variable, which is QoL. However, the results derived from this study are difficult to generalize to the whole population, as the data were collected from a single hospital, and the method of sampling was convenient. Other confounding factors affecting the QoL, like occupation, socio-economic status, working hours, etc., were not taken into consideration. Furthermore, only the daily spiritual experiences were measured, which included the overlapping parts of spirituality and religiosity; both parts were not assessed differently.

Conclusions

MSKDs are one of the most common conditions prevalent in all occupations and are also becoming a major economic concern for developing countries like India. Spirituality forms the roots of Indian culture, and it has been found that spirituality highly influences the QoL of patients with MSKDs in a positive way. The current study also concluded that spirituality had a positive correlation with different components of QoL. This data can be further used to plan integrated health care approaches, including spirituality, to improve the QoL of patients with MSKDs. Hence, studies like this can prove to be beneficial in decreasing the disease burden and the economic losses incurred as a result of the disease.

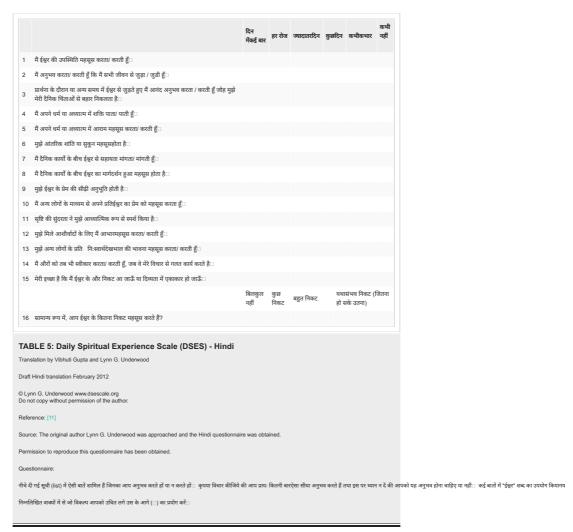
Appendices

Appendix A

		Many	F			0	Never or
		times a day	Every	Most days	Some	Once in a while	almost never
1	I feel God's presence.						
2	I experience a connection to all of life.						
3	During worship, or at other times when connecting with God, I feel joy which lifts me out of my daily concerns.						
4	I find strength in my religion or spirituality.						
5	I find comfort in my religion or spirituality.						
6	I feel deep inner peace or harmony.						
7	I ask for God's help in the midst of daily activities.						
3	I feel guided by God in the midst of daily activities.						
9	I feel God's love for me directly.						
10	I feel God's love for me through others						
11	I am spiritually touched by the beauty of creation.						
12	I feel thankful for my blessings.						
3	I feel a selfless caring for others.						
14	I accept others even when they do things I think are wrong.						
15	I desire to be closer to God or in union with the divine.						
		Not close	Sor	newhat se	Very cl	ose As o	close as sible

Appendix B





Appendix C



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Questionnaire:								

Appendix D

 $RAND~36\hbox{--}Item~Health~Survey~1.0~Question naire~Items~(English~Version)$

Source: The scale was downloaded from the original website $https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/www/external/health/surveys_tools/mos/mos_core_36item_survey.pdf$

Permission to reproduce this questionnaire has been obtained.

Questionnaire:

Choose one option for each question naire item. $% \[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial$

1. In general, would you say your health is:

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very good
- **⊠** 3 Good
- **■** 4 Fair
- **⊠** 5 Poor
- $2.\ {\sf Compared}\ {\sf to}\ {\sf one}\ {\sf year}\ {\sf ago}, \ {\sf how}\ {\sf would}\ {\sf you}\ {\sf rate}\ {\sf your}\ {\sf health}\ {\sf in}\ {\sf general}\ {\sf now}?$
- $\ensuremath{\boxtimes} 1$ Much better now than one year ago
- 2 Somewhat better now than one year ago
- 3 About the same



- 4 Somewhat worse now than one year ago
- 5 Much worse now than one year ago

The following items are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much? (Table \nearrow)

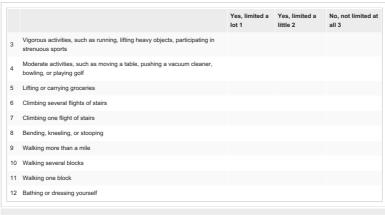


TABLE 7: RAND 36 - Item Health Survey 1.0 Questionnaire items

During the past 4 weeks, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health? (Table δ)



TABLE 8: RAND 36 - Item Health Survey 1.0 Questionnaire items

During the past 4 weeks, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)? (Table 9)



20. During the past 4 weeks, to what extent has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your normal social activities with family, friends, neighbors, or groups?

- 1 Not at all
- 2 Slightly
- 3 Moderately
- 4 Quite a bit
- 5 Extremely
- $21.\,\mbox{How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks?}$
- 1 None
- 2 Very mild
- **⊠** 3 Milo
- 4 Moderate
- 5 Severe
 6 Very severe
- 22. During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?
- ■1 Not at al
- 2 A little bit
- 3 Moderately
- 4 Quite a bit



■ 5 - Extremely

These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you during the past 4 weeks. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling.

How much of the time during the past 4 weeks... (Table 10)

		All of the time 1	Most of the time 2	A good bit of time 3	Some of the time 4	A little of the time 5	None of the time 6
23	Did you feel full of pep?						
24	Have you been a very nervous person?						
25	Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?						
26	Have you felt calm and peaceful?						
27	Did you have a lot of energy?						
28	Have you felt downhearted and blue?						
29	Did you feel worn out?						
30	Have you been a happy person?						
31	Did you feel tired?						

TABLE 10: RAND 36 - Item Health Survey 1.0 Questionnaire items

32. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities (like visiting with friends, relatives, etc.)?

- 1 All of the time
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Some of the time
- 4 A little of the time
- 5 None of the time

How TRUE or FALSE is each of the following statements for you.

		Definitely true 1	Mostly true 2	Don't know 3	Mostly false 4	Definitely false 5
33	Did you feel full of pep?					
34	Have you been a very nervous person?					
35	Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?					
36	Have you felt calm and peaceful?					

TABLE 11: RAND 36 - Item Health Survey 1.0 Questionnaire items

Appendix E

RAND 36-Item Health Survey 1.0 Questionnaire Items (Hindi Version)

Source: This original scale which was available in English was translated into Hindi by language experts and expert opinion was taken from 10 experts.

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Questionnaire: (Tables 12-17)



निम्नलिखित आइटम उन प्रवृत्तियों के बारे में हैं जो आप एक सामान्य दिन के दौरान कर सकते हैं**छ** क्या आपका स्वास्थ्य अब आपको इन प्रवृत्तियों मेंसीमित करता है? यदि हां, तो कितना? (प्रत्येक पंक्ति पर एक अंक का गोला बनाएं)



	हाँ, बहुत मर्यादित	हां, थोड़ा मर्यादित	ना, बिलकुलमरयित न
२. जोशीले प्रवृत्तियाँ, जैसे दौड़ना, भारी वस्तुएं उठाना, कठिन खेल-कूद में भाग लेना	१	2	3
 मध्यम प्रवृत्तियाँ, जैसे मेज़ हिलाना, वैक्यूम क्लीनरको धकेलना, गेंदबाजी करना, या गोल्फ खेलना 	१	2	3
ւ. किराने का सामान उठाना या ले जाना	१	2	3
६. कई सीढ़ियाँ चढ़ना	१	2	3
o. सीढि़यों का एक समूह चढ़ना	१	2	3
८. झुकना, घुटने टेकना या घुटना मोड़ के झुकना	१	2	3
९. एक मील से ज्यादा चलना	१	2	3
o. कई ब्लॉक चलना	१	2	3
११. एक ब्लॉक चलना	१	2	3
९२. नहाना या स्वयं कपडे पहनना	8	2	3

TABLE 13: RAND 36 - Item Health Survey (Hindi)

पिछले ४ सप्ताहों के दौरान, क्या आपको अपने काम या अन्य नियमित दैनिक कार्यों में आपके शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य के परिणाम स्वरूप निम्नलिखित में सेकोई समस्या हुई है?

(प्रत्येक पंक्ति पर एक अंक का गोला बनाएं)



पिछले ४ सप्ताहों के दौरान, क्या आपको अपने काम या अन्य नियमित दैनिक कार्यों में अपने भावनात्मक समस्याओ (जैसे उदास या चिंतित महसूसकरना) के कारण कोई समस्या हुई है?

(एक नंबर पर गोला लगाएं)



२०. पिछले ४ हफ्तों के दौरान आपके शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य या भावनात्मक समस्याओं ने किस हद तक आपकी सामान्य सामाजिक परिवार, दोस्तों, पड़ोसियों या समूहों के साथ के प्रवृत्तियों में हस्तक्षेप किया है ?

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२२. पिछले ४ सप्ताहों के दौरान, दर्द ने आपके सामान्य कार्य (घर से बाहर और घर का काम दोनों कार्यों सहित) में कितना हस्तक्षेप किया ?

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अत्यंत ५

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ये प्रश्न इस बारे में हैं कि पिछले ४ सप्ताह के दौरान आप कैसा महसूस करते हैं और चीजें आपके साथ कैसी रही हैं 🗷 प्रत्येक प्रश्न के लिए कृपया वहीउत्तर दें जो आपके अनुभव के सबसे निकट हो 🗷 पिछले ४ सप्ताह के दौरान कितना समय. . .

(प्रत्येक पंक्ति पर एक अंक का गोला बनाएं)



३२. पिछले ४ हफ्तों के दौरान, कितने समय आपके शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य या भावनात्मक समस्याएं आपकी सामाजिक प्रवृत्तियों (जैसे दोस्तों, रिश्तेरारोंआदि के साथ घूमना) में हस्तक्षेप किया है?

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कुछ समय ३

थोड़ा समय ४

कोई समय नहीं ५

निम्नलिखित में से प्रत्येक कथन आपके लिए कितना सत्य या असत्य है🛭

(प्रत्येक पंक्ति पर एक अंक का गोला बनाएं)

33. मैं अन्य लोगो की तुलना में आसानी से बीमारहो जाता हूँ। 3४. मैं किसी भी अन्य परिचित व्यक्ति की तरहस्वस्थ हूँ। 3५. मुझे उम्मीर है कि मेरा स्वास्थ्य ज्यादा बिगड़ेगा। 34. मैरा स्वास्थ्य उत्तम है।		निश्चित रूपसे सत्य	ज्यादातर सत्य	पता नहीं	ज्यादातर असत्य	निश्चित रूपसे असत्य
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TABLE 17: RAND 36 - Item Health Survey (Hindi)

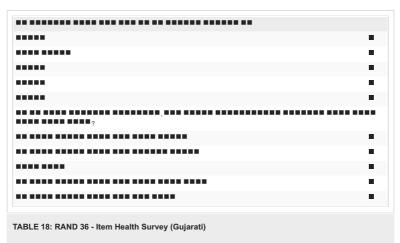
Appendix F

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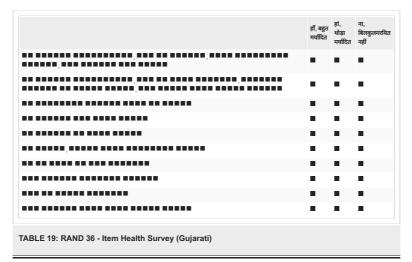
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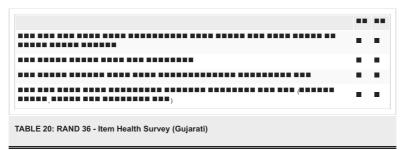
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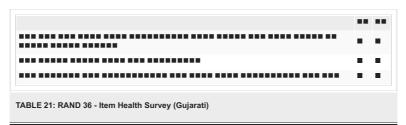




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TABLE 22: RAND 36 - Item Health Survey (Guja	rati)			

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TABLE 23: RAND 36 - Item Health Survey (Gujarati)

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