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Table A1. Analysis of Linking Assumptions for KOOS ₅ , IKDC													
	KOOS5, IKDC-SKF r	REMSD -		Unidimensionality Indices									
				KOOS ₅			IKDC-SKF						
		Age	Sex	EV Ratio	ECV	ω_{h}	EV Ratio	ECV	ω_{h}				
Pre-Op	.85	.020	.004	6.9	.63	.80	3.6	.57	.63				
1 Year	.89	.034	.012										
2 Years	.91	.030	.017	6.8	.64	.79	5.4	.69	.74				
5 Years	.94	.054	.001										
6 Years	.91	.017	.027	7.3	.67	.81	6.1	.71	.75				

Appendix 1 – Tables A1 and A2

KOOS₅=average of 5 subscales of the Knee Injury Osteoarthritis Outcomes Survey, IKDC-

SKF=International Knee Documentation Committee-Subjective Knee Form, REMSD = Root Expected Mean Squared Difference, r= correlation coefficient, EV= eigenvalue, ECV= explained common variance, ω_h = omega hierarchical. Correlations and REMSD values were examining in the training dataset. Unidimensional indices were examined in a subset of the MOON cohort for which item data were available. COPYRIGHT © BY THE JOURNAL OF BONE AND JOINT SURGERY, INCORPORATED JOHNSON ET AL.

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	KOOS4,	REMSD		Unidimensionality Indices			
	IKDC-						
	SKF r	Age	Sex	EV Ratio	ECV	ωh	
Pre-Op	.84	.014	.001	4.5	.55	.74	
1 Year	.89	.040	.008				
2				7.0	.70	.81	
Years	.91	.034	.015				
5							
Years	.94	.063	.003				
6				8.1	.73	.84	
Years	.91	.023	.024				

Table A2. Analysis of Linking Assumptions for KOOS₄

KOOS₄=average of 4 subscales of the Knee Injury Osteoarthritis Outcomes Survey (KOOS-Activities of Daily Living not included), IKDC-SKF=International Knee Documentation Committee-Subjective Knee Form, REMSD = Root Expected Mean Squared Difference, r= correlation coefficient, EV= eigenvalue, ECV= explained common variance, ω_h = omega hierarchical. Correlations and REMSD values were examining in the training dataset. Unidimensional indices were examined in a subset of the MOON cohort for which item data were available.