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Objective: To study the internal consistency and structure of the Athens Insomnia Scale (AIS) in women in the climacteric of the Colombian Caribbean

Methods: A methodological study was carried out involving 1358 women between 40-59 years old (M=40, SD=5,8), 70,3% were mestiza, 18,2% were Afro-Colombian and 11,6% were Amerindian. 55,5% postmenopausal. The AIS is an eight-item instrument based on the criteria for insomnia of the International Classification of Mental Disorders (World Health Organization, 1992). The internal consistency was estimated with the coefficients of Cronbach alpha and McDonald omega and internal structure (dimensionality) was tested by confirmatory factor analysis and the calculation of goodness-of-fit indicators: Root Mean Square Error of Approximation and 90%CI (RMSEA), Comparative Fit Index (CFI), indice of Tucker-Lewis (TLI), Standardized Mean Square Residual (SMRM). RMSEA (<0,06); CFI (>0,90); TLI (>0,90) SMRM (<0,05).

The AIS showed both Cronbach alpha and McDonald omega of 0.93. The internal structure showed a dimension with Eigen value of 5,43 which explained 67.9% of the total variance. The commonality between 0,538 and 0,733. The coefficients between 0,774 and 0,880. RMSEA = 0,111 [90%CI: 0,101-0,121)CFI = 0,96TLI = 0,94SMRM = 0.03.

CONCLUSION: AIS in a population group o Colombians in climacteric, showed high internal consistency and a one-dimensional structure, with acceptable values for three of four indicators of goodness off fit

CONSISTENCE AND INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF ATHENS INSOMNIA SCALE IN COLOMBIAN CLIMACTERIC WOMEN

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TABLE 2 ATHENS INSOMNIA SCALE OMMONALITY AND COEFICIENTES FOR THE ÍTEMS		
Items	Commonality	Coefficient
with sleep induction	0,612	0,782
ing during the night	0,538	0,733
orning awakening	0,558	0,747
ep time (sufficiency)	0,746	0,864
quality of sleep	0,774	0,880
ng during the day	0,696	0,834
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