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Appendix S1. **Quality of life and costs in atopic dermatitis patients interview questionnaire**

**[1] Quality of life**

A. Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI)

1. Over the last week, how itchy, sore, painful or stinging has your skin been?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all
2. Over the last week, how embarrassed or self-conscious have you been because of your skin?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all
3. Over the last week, how much has your skin interfered with you going shopping or looking after your home or garden?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
4. Over the last week, how much has your skin influenced the clothes you wear?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
5. Over the last week, how much has your skin affected any social or leisure activities?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
6. Over the last week, how much has your skin made it difficult for you to do any sport?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant

7-1. Over the last week, has your skin prevent you from working or studying?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2. <input type="checkbox"/> No 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
7-2. If 'no', over the last week, how much has your skin been a problem at working and studying?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all
8. Over the last week, how much has your skin created problems with your partner or any close friends or relatives?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
9. Over the last week, how much has your skin caused any sexual difficulties?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
10. Over the last week, how much of a problem has the treatment for your skin been, for example by making your home messy, or by taking up time?	1. <input type="checkbox"/> Very much 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A lot 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A little 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant

### B. Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI)

Your answers should indicate the most accurate reply for the majority of days and nights in the past month.

Please answer all questions.

1. During the past month, what time have you usually gone to bed at night? \_\_\_\_
2. During the past month, how long (in minutes) has it usually taken you to fall asleep each night? \_\_\_\_
3. During the past month, what time have you usually gotten up in the morning? \_\_\_\_
4. During the past month, how many hours of actual sleep did you get at night? \_\_\_\_

5. During the past month, how often have you had trouble sleeping because you...	Not during the past month	Less than once a week	Once or twice a week	Three or more times a week
a. Cannot get to sleep within 30 minutes				
b. Wake up in the middle of the night or early morning				
c. Have to get up to use the bathroom				
d. Cannot breathe comfortably				
e. Cough or snore loudly				
f. Feel too cold				
g. Feel too hot				
h. Have bad dreams				
i. Have pain				
j. Other reason(s), please describe:				
6. During the past month, how often have you taken medicine to help you sleep (prescribed or “over the counter”)				
7. During the past month, how often have you had trouble staying awake while driving, eating meals, or engaging in social activity?				
	No problem at all	Only a very slight problem	Somewhat of a problem	A very big problem
8. During the past month, how much of a problem has it been for you to keep up enough enthusiasm to get things done?				
	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad
9. During the past month, how would you rate your sleep quality overall?				
	No bed partner or room mate	Partner/room-mate in other room	Partner in same room but	Partner in same bed

			not same bed	
10. Do you have a bed partner or roommate?				
	Not during the past month	Less than once a week	Once or twice a week	Three or more times a week
If you have a roommate or bed partner, ask him/her how often in the past month you have had:				
a. Loud snoring				
b. Long pauses between breaths while asleep				
c. Legs twitching or jerking while you sleep				
d. Episodes of disorientation or confusion during sleep				
e. Other restlessness while you sleep, please describe:				

### C. Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)

Tick the box beside the reply that is closest to how you have been feeling in the past week. Don't take too long over your replies: your immediate is best.

<p>1. I feel tense or 'wound up':</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Most of the time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A lot of the time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> From time to time, occasionally</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not at all</p>	<p>8. I feel as if I am slowed down:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nearly all the time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very often</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not at all</p>
<p>2. I still enjoy the things I used to enjoy:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely as much</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not quite so much</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Only a little</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hardly at all</p>	<p>9. I get a sort of frightened feeling like 'butterflies' in the stomach:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very often</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quite often</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not at all</p>
<p>3. I get a sort of frightened feeling as if something awful is about to happen:</p>	<p>10. I have lost interest in my appearance:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Very definitely and quite badly <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not too badly <input type="checkbox"/> A little, but it doesn't worry me <input type="checkbox"/> Hardly at all	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't take as much care as I should <input type="checkbox"/> I may not take quite as much care <input type="checkbox"/> I take just as much care as ever
4. I can laugh and see the funny side of things <input type="checkbox"/> As much as I always could <input type="checkbox"/> Not quite so much now <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely not so much now <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	11. I feel restless as I have to be on the move: <input type="checkbox"/> Very much needed <input type="checkbox"/> Quite a lot <input type="checkbox"/> Not very much <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all
5. Worrying thoughts go through my mind: <input type="checkbox"/> A great deal of the time <input type="checkbox"/> A lot of the time <input type="checkbox"/> From time to time, but not too often <input type="checkbox"/> Only occasionally	12. I look forward with enjoyment to things: <input type="checkbox"/> As much as I ever did <input type="checkbox"/> Rather less than I used to <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely less than I used to <input type="checkbox"/> Hardly at all
6. I feel cheerful: <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> Not often <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Most of the time	13. I get sudden feelings of panic: <input type="checkbox"/> Very often indeed <input type="checkbox"/> Quite often <input type="checkbox"/> Not very often <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all
7. I can sit at ease and feel relaxed: <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely <input type="checkbox"/> Usually <input type="checkbox"/> Not often <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	14. I can enjoy a good book or radio or TV program: <input type="checkbox"/> Often <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not often <input type="checkbox"/> Very seldom

D. EQ-5D-5L

Under each heading, please tick the ONE box that best describes your health TODAY

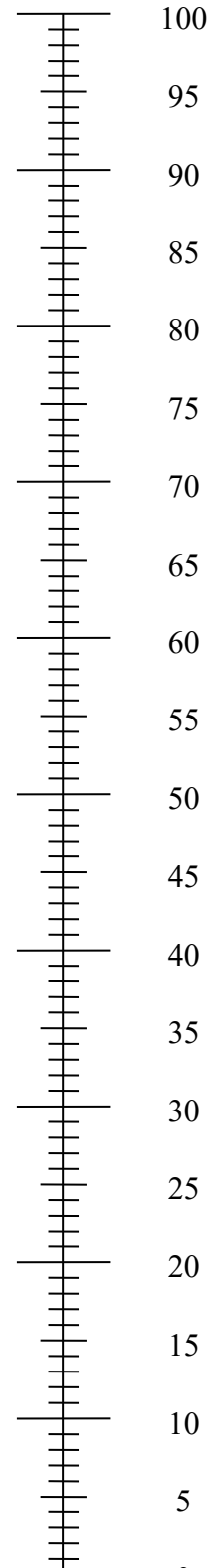
<b>Mobility</b>	
1. I have no problem in walking about	1. <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I have slight problems in walking about	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I have moderate problems in walking about	3. <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have severe problems in walking about	4. <input type="checkbox"/>

5. I am unable to walk about	5. <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Self-care</b>	
1. I have no problems washing or dressing myself	1. <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I have slight problems washing or dressing myself	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I have moderate problems washing or dressing myself	3. <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have severe problems washing or dressing myself	4. <input type="checkbox"/>
5. I am unable to wash or dress myself	5. <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Usual activities (e.g. work, study, housework, family or leisure activities)</b>	
1. I have no problems doing my usual activities	1. <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I have slight problems doing my usual activities	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I have moderate problems doing my usual activities	3. <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have severe problems doing my usual activities	4. <input type="checkbox"/>
5. I am unable to do my usual activities	5. <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Pain/Discomfort</b>	
1. I have no pain or discomfort	1. <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I have slight pain or discomfort	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I have moderate pain or discomfort	3. <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have severe pain or discomfort	4. <input type="checkbox"/>
5. I have extreme pain or discomfort	5. <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Anxiety/Depression</b>	
1. I am not anxious or depressed	1. <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I am slightly anxious or depressed	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I am moderately anxious or depressed	3. <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I am severely anxious or depressed	4. <input type="checkbox"/>
5. I am extremely anxious or depressed	5. <input type="checkbox"/>

- We would like to know how good or bad your health is TODAY.
- This scale is numbered from 0 to 100.
- 100 means the best health you can imagine.  
0 means the worst health you can imagine.
- Mark an X on the scale to indicate how your health is TODAY.
- Now, please write the number you marked on the scale in the box below.

YOUR HEALTH TODAY =

The best health  
you can imagine



The worst health  
you can imagine





no effect on  
work

prevented  
me from  
working

CIRCLE A NUMBER

- 6) During the past seven days, how much did atopic dermatitis affect your ability to do your regular daily activities, other than work at a job?

*By regular activities, we mean the usual activities you do, such as work around the house, shopping, child care, exercising, studying, etc. Think about times you were limited in the amount or kind of activities you could do and times you accomplished less than you would like. If atopic dermatitis affected your work only a little, choose a low number. Choose a high number if atopic dermatitis affected your work a great deal.*

Consider only how much atopic dermatitis affected your ability to do your regular daily activities, other than work at a job.

Atopic  
dermatitis had  
no effect on  
my daily

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Atopic dermatitis  
completely  
prevented me  
from doing my  
daily activities

CIRCLE A NUMBER

### [3] Non-medical costs and out-of-pocket medical expenses

1. During the past three months, have you seen a doctor at an outpatient clinic because of atopic dermatitis?

1.  yes (answer question 1.1)    2.  no (skip to question 2)

1.1 For your most recent outpatient visit because of atopic dermatitis, what type of transportation did you use to go to the hospital or clinic? How much was the fare and travel time?

1.  by means with no extra fare such as walk, bicycle or hitchhiking, etc., with travel time of \_\_\_\_ hour(s) for each way

2.  by High Speed Rail, train, Mass Rapid Transit, bus, or taxi, etc., with travel time of \_\_\_\_ hour(s) and transportation fare of NTD \_\_\_\_ for each way

3.  by car, with travel time of \_\_\_\_ hour(s) for each way

4.  by motorcycle, with travel time of \_\_\_\_ hour(s) for each way

5.  other means which is \_\_\_\_\_, with travel time of \_\_\_\_ hour(s) and transportation fare of NTD \_\_\_\_ for each way

1.2 For your most recent outpatient visit because of atopic dermatitis, how many hours did it take from entering to leaving the hospital or clinic?

1.  less than 1 hour    2.  1 to 3 hours    3.  3 to 5 hours

4.  5 to 8 hours    5.  8 to 12 hours    6.  more than 12 hours

1.3 For your most recent outpatient visit because of atopic dermatitis, how much out-of-pocket expense did you pay to the hospital or clinic? NTD \_\_\_\_

1.4 For your most recent outpatient visit because of atopic dermatitis, did any family members or friends accompany you to the hospital or clinic?

1.  no    2.  yes

2. During the past year, have you been hospitalized because of atopic dermatitis?

1.  yes (answer question 2.1)    2.  no (skip to question 3)

2.1 For your most recent hospitalization because of atopic dermatitis, how long was the hospital length of stay? \_\_\_\_ day(s)

2.2 For your most recent hospitalization because of atopic dermatitis, how much out-of-pocket expense did you pay to the hospital or clinic? NTD \_\_\_\_

2.3 For your most recent hospitalization because of atopic dermatitis, did any family members or friends accompany you during hospitalization?

1.  no    2.  yes, he/she spent \_\_\_\_ hour(s) per day on average.

2.4 For your most recent hospitalization because of atopic dermatitis, did you pay for any of the following personnel to take care of you in the hospital?

<b>Caring staff</b>	<b>Days and Costs</b>
2.4.1 Caregiver	1. <input type="checkbox"/> yes, for ____ days, costing NTD ____ per day. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> no
2.4.2 Clinical nurse specialist	1. <input type="checkbox"/> yes, for ____ days, costing NTD ____ per day. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> no
2.4.3 Foreign domestic worker	1. <input type="checkbox"/> yes, for ____ days, costing NTD ____ per day. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> no
2.4.4 Other: _____	1. <input type="checkbox"/> yes, for ____ days, costing NTD ____ per day. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> no

3. During the past year, have you spent money on any of the following self-paid medical services or treatment because of atopic dermatitis?

<b>Treatment or related supplements</b>	<b>Costs</b>
3.1 seeing a Chinese medical doctor/taking Chinese medicine	1. <input type="checkbox"/> yes, costing NTD ____ for the past year 2. <input type="checkbox"/> no
3.2 folk remedies or medicine such as foot massage, manipulation, herbal medicine, etc.	1. <input type="checkbox"/> yes, costing NTD ____ for the past year 2. <input type="checkbox"/> no
3.3 health food, dietary supplements, vitamins, etc.	1. <input type="checkbox"/> yes, costing NTD ____ for the past year 2. <input type="checkbox"/> no
3.4 Other: topical medicine, equipment, devices or medical services, etc. Please describe: _____	1. <input type="checkbox"/> yes, costing NTD ____ for the past year 2. <input type="checkbox"/> no

#### [4] Patient information

1. Sex : 1.  male 2.  female

2. Year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Height: \_\_\_\_\_ cm; Body weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kg

4. Educational background:

1.  elementary school or less 2.  middle school 3.  senior high school

4.  college/university 5.  Master/PhD

5. Current marital status:

1.  never married

2.  married, and currently living together

3.  married, but currently seldom living together

4.  married, but officially separated

5.  divorced

6.  widowed

7.  other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How much is the average monthly income of your household (in NTD)?

(The household refers to the salary, rent, investment income, living expenses from children or spouses, etc.)

1.  less than 14999 2.  15000 to 29999 3.  30000 to 49999

4.  50000 to 69999 5.  70000 to 99999 6.  100000 to 149999

7.  150000 to 199999 8.  above 200000

7. Have you been suffering from chronic, persistent or relapsing eczema for over 6 months?

1.  yes 2.  no

8. Do you have atopic diseases such as allergic rhinitis or asthma?

1.  yes 2.  no

9. Does any of your family members have atopic diseases such as allergic rhinitis, asthma or atopic dermatitis?

1.  yes 2.  no

10. It has been \_\_\_\_\_ years since the onset of your atopic dermatitis.

[5] Disease severity

SCORing Atopic Dermatitis (SCORAD)

## SCORAD INDEX

### EUROPEAN TASK FORCE ON ATOPIC DERMATITIS

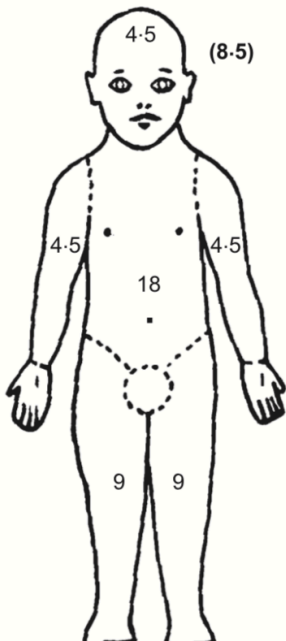
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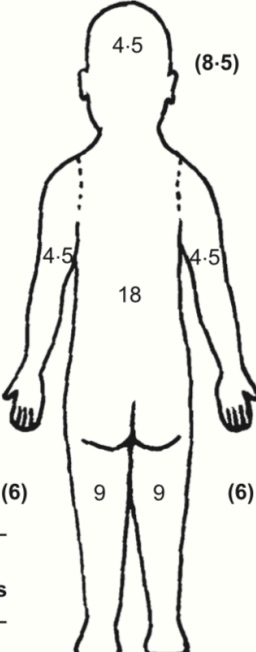
First Name

Date of Birth:     DD/MM/YY

Date of Visit:

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Figures in parenthesis  
for children under two years

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**A: EXTENT** Please indicate the area involved

**B: INTENSITY**

**C: SUBJECTIVE SYMPTOMS**  
PRURITUS + SLEEP LOSS

A/5 + 7B/2 + C

CRITERIA	INTENSITY
Erythema	
Oedema/Papulation	
Oozing/crust	
Excoriation	
Lichenification	
Dryness*	

\* Dryness is evaluated on uninvolved areas

MEANS OF CALCULATION	
<b>INTENSITY ITEMS</b>	
(average representative area)	
0 = absence	
1 = mild	
2 = moderate	
3 = severe	

Visual analog scale (average for the last 3 days or nights)

PRURITUS (0 to 10)  0 10

SLEEP LOSS (0 to 10)  0 10

*Derived from the report of the European Task Force on Atopic Dermatitis*