Measuring health-related quality of life for patients with diabetic retinopathy
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To identify and evaluate the psychometric properties of tools used to measure health-related quality of life (HRQL) in patients receiving treatment for diabetic retinopathy (DR), and to assess the effectiveness of interventions for DR to improve HRQL.

Authors' conclusions
We identified few HRQL measurement instruments that have been used to assess the impact of treatment in patients with DR or DME; however, the tools that have been used have been adequately evaluated. Two tools developed specifically for patients with DR are currently undergoing evaluation. In general, HRQL was improved following interventions for DR. Further research on HRQL following anti-VEGF treatment for DME is needed to confirm the results of two RCTs. The current research on the impact of other interventions for DR on HRQL is insufficient to draw conclusions about the relative effect of one intervention versus another. RCTs that assess the impact of treatments for DR should include HRQL as an outcome.

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