Reviewer's report

Title: Profile and predictor of health-related quality of life among hypertensive patients

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General
The authors have considered the criticism and revised the manuscript in a mostly satisfactory way.

Remarks (Discretionary Revisions)
Title: the authors write that the sample in the study is not representative for the whole of Nigeria. I still think it is important that it is written where the study is performed, I suggest that the authors add “in south-western Nigeria”. As most studies regarding this item originates from North America or Europe, experience from other regions are of great importance, for different reasons, as patterns of the disease may differ, as well as attitudes and beliefs.

Important predictors of decreased health-related quality of life (HRQoL) in hypertension: the authors discuss this in the Introduction and in the Discussion. Hypertension, as well as diabetes, without cardiovascular complications gives only a small impact on the HRQoL. The rate of cardiovascular complications is very low, and the duration of the disease is mostly short. This gives an opportunity to evaluate the impact of other factors on the HRQoL. The authors could emphasize this in their discussion.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests