Reviewer's report

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In opinion of this reviser this paper continues presenting the limitations (indicated in the previous review) about external validity (it is difficult to extrapolate or to use the results reported away of this study) because the shortcomings are related to the design of the study (procedure of selection of the sample of patients). Nevertheless, the changes carried out by the authors are suitable and improve the manuscript. The limitations are discussed broadly. Moreover, the authors have argued convincingly some advantages that can be associated with the study of the questionnaires in such a selected population.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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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'