Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of Irritable Bowel Syndrome on health-related quality of life: A Singapore perspective.

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Reviewer: Yuka Endo

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. You described "The factors associated with IBS were younger age", but what is the definition of young people? Are 50 year-olds classified as young or old? How did you calculate odds ratio?

Minor Essential Revisions
1. I can't understand the meaning of each five domains of EQ-5D clearly, especially mobility and self-care. You had better explain these domains in detail.
2. It is also difficult to grasp the meaning of these sentences-"Ratings for each dimension can be combined into a 5-digit number that describes the respondent's health state. This 5 digit EQ-5D health state was converted into a single summary index score by imputing the 5 digit number into the EQ-5D index calculator available from the EuroQol Group.
3. How did you analyze the data of visual analogue scales?
4. I found several mistakes in grammar and in using capital and small letters. And some commas and periods were missing. I recommend your paper to be checked by a person whose native language is English.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.