Reviewer's report

Title: Socio-Demographic and clinical factors associated with health related quality of life in children of the Middle East with beta-thalassemia

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Major comments:
Methods:
1. Type of the study should be added in the first paragraph of method.
2. Diagnosis of beta thalassemia major should be added in the methods (based on CBC & hemoglobin electrophoresis)
3. Type of treatment including adequate iron chelation and blood transfusion in all different centers in this study are the same or different? Because QoL can have different impact on B thalasemia patients.

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.