Author’s response to reviews

Title: Validation of the Kidney Disease Quality of Life-Short Form: a cross-sectional study of a dialysis-targeted health measure in Singapore

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Dear Reviewer,

Thank you for your suggestions.

The following changes were made using track changes in the revised manuscript.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. Table 1a: Leading zeros in observed frequencies have been removed. N (%) is included to indicate figures in the bracket as percentages.
2. Table 1b: Leading zeroes in the observed frequencies have been removed.
3. Table 2 has been split into Table 2a and Table 2b.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Comment: Do the authors have an opinion on the reasons for non response and how the response rate could be improved. On page 2 it is reported that 59% of the patients completed the questionnaire.

The response rate of 59% was reasonable given that many dialysis patients suffer from psychological and emotional exhaustion. Often patients treat their dialysis sessions to rest or bring their reading work to the centers. Response rate could have been enhanced by the renal physicians personally contacting each patient to encourage participation.

This has been included as last paragraph on page 17.