Reviewer's report

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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This is a rather technical and detailed report of the validation of the Kidney Disease Quality of Life Short Form (KDQOL-SF) in Singapore. As such the paper is likely to be of limited interest to the readership of BMC Nephrology. Primarily for that reason and because no new information is presented in the manuscript about quality of life in dialysis patients the work is not recommended for publication. Additional comments are noted below.

1.) It is interesting that the English version of the KDQOL-SF was administered in a mostly English speaking population. However, the authors do not indicate why the need to validate an English version in an English speaking group of dialysis patients from Singapore.

2.) The KDQOL-SF was self-administered. However, the authors indicate that 41% of the study population had no formal education. The authors do not explain how dialysis patients without an education could read the KDQOL-SF.

3.) The information provided is very technical and not likely to be of general interest to the readership.

4.) No new information is provided regarding the quality of life of dialysis patients and thus the report is of limited interests to nephrologists and other health care providers of dialysis patients.

5.) The information presented may be more appropriate for a journal specific to quality of life.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

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.