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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Minor Essential Revisions:
1. The content of the ‘Results’ is a bit too much. The parts describing ‘inpatient days, cause of kidney disease, and patients who were/were not in the hospital’ (mentioned in the last three paragraphs) may be deleted as they have not been mentioned in the part of ‘Methods’ and were not directly related to the topic or aim of the study. If they are deleted, then the related part in ‘Discussion’ should be deleted, too.

2. In the 4th paragraph of ‘Results’, it is stated that ‘men scored significantly higher than women on Physical function’. This can be easily explained as men are generally more masculine than women. However, the mean score difference was larger than expected. Please make sure the calculation was correct.

3. The website stated in Reference no. 2 cannot be found.

4. There are some numerical mistakes in Table 1a. For example, for ESRD patients aged below 40 years, the percentage should be 8.8 instead of 08.8. Mean age in Table 1a is different from that stated in the ‘Results’.

5. The percentage of patients who had received education up to primary level in Table 1b is 41.3%, but the number is 37% in the ‘Results’.

6. There are some grammar mistakes in the manuscript. Please correct them.

7. For the word ‘DISCUSSION’ on page 15, the typing should be similar to other parts of the manuscript.

8. In Table 2, some questions have question marks but some do not. Please perform modification.

9. In Table 2, regarding the sentence ‘You could not do activities as carefully as usual’, please add a space between the word ‘You’ and the word ‘could’.

10. There are some mistakes in the ‘References’ including spelling, title, and published year, etc. Please perform correction.

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, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.