Reviewer's report

Title: Is the Kidney Disease Quality of Life-36 (KDQOL-36) a valid instrument for Chinese dialysis patients?

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Kappa index and weighted kappa index is necessary to assess the test-retest reliability in item level. Authors should add two columns in Table 5, one for range of kappa, another for range of weighted kappa.

2. A spearman Rho correlation coefficients matrix among five subscale scores of KDQOL-36TM is needed to assess the convergent validity in addition to the Table 3. It should be described in the result section and shown as an appendix form.

Minor Essential Revisions
3. The PCS scores for KDQOL-SFTM and KDQOL-36TM are 27.44 and 36.27. Is this difference significant? Please show the p value in the Table 2.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.