Reviewer's report

Title: Quality of life in childhood epilepsy with lateralized focus

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Please number your comments and divide them into
- Major Compulsory Revisions
  None (see below, minor essential revisions)

- Minor Essential Revisions
  1. Abstract, background section: Change the following sentence from "No study addressed the development of QOL disturbances so far" which is vague to "No study to our knowledge has addressed the association between QOL and lateralization of epileptogenic foci."

  2. Main text, conclusions: Suggest changing first sentence to "In this study, left and right hemispheric foci were associated with discordant psychosocial functioning and QOL scores in children". Is is not correct to say that "Lateralization of epileptic focus can affect psychosocial functioning and lead to diminished QOL in children" as this assumes causation (which cannot be proven based on the current study).

- Discretionary Revisions
  None

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

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I declare that I have no competing interests'