Reviewer's report

**Title:** Validation of the Spanish version of the Multiple Sclerosis International Quality Of Life (MusiQoL) questionnaire

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**Reviewer:** Francesco Patti

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Major compulsory revisions:

The main point is the comparison of MusiQoL questionnaire with SF-36. The authors state that FAMS and MSQoL-54 are based on "generic"QoL instrument, contradicting what previously written on FAMS and MSQoL-54, reported by the authors as specific. The question is why the authors did decide to compare results of MusiQoL- questionnaire with a generic and not with a specific instrument to validate their proposed questionnaire? At this regard, I would like to observe the comparison between different specific questionnaires, for instance MusiQoL versus MSQoL-54 or FAMS.

Minor Essential Revisions

Furthermore they evaluated patients as cognitively impaired on the basis of MMSE results. As known this instrument is not capable of capturing cognitive impairment in MS.

In addition I found references are sometimes not properly used and generally this section is poor

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

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