Reviewer's report

Title: Structural equation modeling of factors contributing to quality of life in Japanese patients with multiple sclerosis

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The paper is of interest, but the authors should comment that neuropsychiatric disturbance may also affect HRQOL. They did not control for these variables. For example, they could comment the below paper. In this paper, the worse cognitive functioning and the higher depressive and anxiety symptoms score the lower the HRQoL (as measured with FAMS).


> 1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? YES
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