Reviewer's report

Title: Measuring benefits and patients' satisfaction when glasses are not needed after cataract and presbyopia surgery: scoring and psychometric validation of the Freedom from Glasses Value Scale (FGVS(c))

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This manuscript is much improved and the authors have satisfactorily addressed most of my earlier comments/concerns. A few points remain:

Pp 3: Para 3: Since my earlier review, I researched the strong statement made that 'no scale exists that measures the perceived benefits of patients’ freedom from glasses'. Other related measures do seem to exist and could be considered for review in terms of missing content coverage etc. Alternately, the original statement should be qualified.

*(QIRC) Quality of Life Impact of Refractive Correction

(CLIQ) Contact Lens Impact on Quality of Life Questionnaire

(PIADS) The Psychosocial Impact of Assistive Devices Scale <a general scale>

Pp 5: Para 1, Sentence 2: “The target was to include…” would better read “The target sample included…”

Pp 7, Para 1, Sentence 2: Seems to be a sentence fragment. Last sentence: A statement was made regarding post-surgical complications following surgery, the timeframe for post-surgical assessment is unclear.

Pp 6, Last Para: The reported percentage of hyperopia seem high, raising a question as to mean differences between surgery groups (wearing vs. not-wearing glasses) and countries might reflect differential selection (re: Pp 5, Par 1, sentence 1). This should be addressed a limitation, which can only be definitively addressed in a RCT.
**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

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