Reviewer’s report

Title: Perceived quality of life in obsessive-compulsive disorder: Related factors

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Reviewer: Eric A Storch

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General
This manuscript examines correlates of quality of life in 64 adult OCD patients. It a solid paper that builds on others’ findings that will likely be cited often given its relevance.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1. I do not believe that pearson correlations are correct for correlating a continuous measure with a dichotomous variable. Point biserial would be appropriate.
2. I found the tables to be somewhat difficult to read due to their inconsistency. Please reformat per the journal guidelines in a more consistent fashion.
3. Please provide a rationale for examining the correlation between the YBOCS and individual SF36 items. It might be best to focus solely on subscales rather than individual items.
4. The discussion, while appropriate in its conclusions, could be shortened considerably.
5. The Discussion notes that OCD usually starts in the first 2-3 decades of life. Other data suggests an earlier onset (in childhood) or a bimodal onset (childhood, early adulthood).

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. The information in the 1st paragraph in the Measures section of the Results should all be included in Table format.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests