Reviewer's report

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

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General
Quality of Life (QoL) is increasingly targeted as an important outcome criterion in psychiatric disorders, including obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). The authors report a timely study employing a sizable sample of individuals suffering from OCD. The results show that OCD is associated with low QoL, particularly in patients with a diagnosis of comorbid depression. The article is concerned with a timely topic and its claims are embedded well in the existing literature. I also like that the impact of comorbid diagnoses is investigated.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The authors should report more data on OCD subtypes since washers and checkers may differ on QoL. In addition, the authors may take into consideration a new article by Moritz et al. (2005, Comprehensive Psychiatry) which fits well to the reported findings.

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

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