Reviewer's report

Title: Self-rated Health and Factors Influencing Responses among Young Egyptian Type 1 Diabetes Patients

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The paper is certainly improved. I have some minor additional comments that may help to further improve it:

- The methods section is now very long and not very conveniently organized. Please consider dividing the results section into a 'study population', 'data collection' and perhaps a separate paragraph for the SRH measure (e.g. named 'questionnaire', including the exercise question). Also consider to list the description of the study population (e.g. age) in the results section. The grouping of the patients might be better suited under '(statistical) analysis'.

- I still wonder why regression is based on the dichotomous outcome (thereby losing data), I feel that this is a missed opportunity.

- I would suggest to add some references to the discussion about SRH versus more complex HRQOL measures on page 13.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests