Reviewer’s report

Title: Did Past Economic Prosperity Affect the Health Related Quality of Life Predictors? A Longitudinal Study on a Representative Sample of Slovenian Family Medicine Patients

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This version of the manuscript is greatly improved from the prior version, and I commend the authors for the work they have done.

In the methods, "In univariate analyses the associations between the independent variables and the MCS and PCS of HRQOL were calculated." Does this mean that you used various methods to ascertain these associations? Perhaps clarify (e.g. mean comparisons and/or correlations).

I'm not clear what is meant by "Timeline multivariate models were performed separately for the MCS and PCS components of HRQOL at the first data collection, after 6 and after 24 months, aiming to determine the impact of time on each component of the quality of life." I have not heard of timeline MV models. I think you might be implying that a linear regression was conducted for T0, T6 and T24 sequentially and separately, but I am not certain. Please clarify.

It may be the journal’s policy to present confidence intervals around beta coefficients. I leave this to the editor to determine.

In the conclusions of the abstract, there is an implication that the observed relationship between depression and anxiety and HRQOL is causal, evidence by the statement that treatment of these two mental illnesses could improve QOL. I recommend to change the language to a more modest statement, such as "Detection and...has potential to lead to improved QOL in family medicine attendees."

Otherwise, I believe this article has addressed my concerns.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests