Reviewer's report

Title: The Reliability of an Arabic Version of the Self-Administered Standardised Chronic Respiratory Disease Questionnaire (CRQ-SAS)

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I appreciate the authors’ efforts to make the revised paper. Although I think it is improved, there are still some points to be revised.

Comment 1: Looking at the range in the first paragraph of the revised results, some FEV1 or FEV1/FVC values seem to be inconsistent with the inclusion criteria.

Comment 2: In the third paragraph of the revised results or the revised abstract, the authors commented the correlations between domains and FEV1/FVC ratio. However, the authors should comment the correlations between domains and FEV1 (%predicted), as the severity of COPD is basically based on the level of FEV1.

Comment 3: In revised Table 2, is the unit of FEV1 %predicted or L?

Comment 4: In response to my first report (comment 8), the authors commented that insignificant relationship between health status, and pulmonary function and exercise capacity was due to higher FEV1 as compared to other studies. Then, what do the authors consider impaired health status in these patients? Please discuss.

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.