Reviewer's report

Title: Classifying health-related quality of life outcomes of total hip arthroplasty

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Reviewer: Olivier Ethgen

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General
The presentation of the manuscript has been substantially improved. The method is more convincing and the results more striking. However, I would have 2 minor comments in the first paragraph of statistical analysis (see minor essential revisions below).

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
- NONE -

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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)
First paragraph of statistical analysis:
- First sentence: suggest to replace “we try to […]“ by “we aim at […]”
- At the end of the second sentence “Since the distribution […]“ I would call in the text Fig. 1 & Fig. 2.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
- NONE -

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.