Reviewer's report

Title: Health-Related Quality of Life and Influencing Factors among Rural Left-Behind Wives in Liuyang, China

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Introduction is clear, concise and well-structured. Sampling methods were appropriate, with an excellent (almost unbelievable) response rate. Results were straightforward as were the implications of findings and the contextualization within existing literature. Limitations were appropriately addressed.

Major compulsory revisions:

1. I’m not sure that I understand why the SF-36 outcome was dichotomized in this way. Has this method been used in other studies? It was referenced, but should be explained more fully.

2. The logistic regression appears to have been done appropriately, although the exact method for determining the final model should be explained (i.e. how was the model building done? How was the final model chosen?).

Minor essential revisions:

Abstract:

1. Second sentence does not make sense.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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