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The changes are generally satisfactory. A bit of editing for English is needed as per these examples and my suggested changes.

“It was registered as a biomedical research while this study does not assess health products.” - “Although this study does not assess health products, it was registered as biomedical research.”

“Little adjustment were done related to understanding of the translation: rewording of some items.” - “Rewording of some items was the only adjustment needed with respect to understanding of the translation.”

“At this time the prospective study ie “longitudinal prospective study to cross-culturally adapt the English questionnaires QUAL-E and MVQOLI (Missoula Vitas Quality Of Life Index) and to validate their psychometric properties in the end-of-life setting” is ongoing needing to include 372 patients: 9 centres were open and active and 12 patients has been included since the 8th November 2011” - “At the time of submission of the manuscript, the longitudinal prospective study to cross-culturally adapt the English questionnaires QUAL-E and Missoula Vital Quality of Life Index (MVQOLI), and to validate their psychometric properties in the end-of-life setting is ongoing. Nine centres were open and active and 12 patients out of the goal of 372 have been included since 8th November 2011.”