Reviewer's report

**Title:** What determines health-related quality of life among people living with HIV? An updated review of the literature and practical recommendations.

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**Reviewer:** Jessika Deblonde

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The authors have done a great effort in reviewing the paper and have given a satisfactory response to most of the comments raised.

- The additional table is indeed useful to guide the reader and to improve the readability and comprehensibility of the methods and results section of the paper.

- The findings are better explained, avoiding as such misinterpretations and wrong conclusions.

- The reorientation of the discussion may be considered as successful as it is now much more focused on the findings from the review. I'm not entirely convinced that the authors provided us with guidance on which instrument to use in which target group and setting – as suggested by the reviewer Christiana Noestlinger. However, I hope that this may be the next step in the research endeavours of the authors.

**Minor essential revision:**

p. 8 Coping styles … I still do not understand the following sentence : “People with an internal HLOC believe that health outcomes results directly from one’s own behaviour whereas people with an HLOC believe that others – other persons, fate or luck – determine the outcome. Is there a word missing: external HLOC?? Can you please reformulate this sentence?

**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.