Reviewer’s report

Title: QUALITY OF LIFE PROFILE IN THREE COHORTS OF COMMUNITY-DWELLING SWISS OLDER PEOPLE

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

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Yes - current version is technically sound
PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The paper is clear and well written, and the methods are sound. I am not familiar with the QoL instrument used, however, and am curious why authors did not use the SF-36v2, the gold standard health related QoL instrument. Perhaps there are specific Swiss cultural elements included in the instrument they used, or perhaps they created this instrument.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

I would encourage the authors to include the instrument used as a Figure in the paper, or better describe it, anyway. I would expect to see an "instrument" sub-category under methods and perhaps a paragraph dedicated to scoring procedures.

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Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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