Author’s response to reviews

Title: Psychometric properties of the Geriatric Quality of Life-Dementia in older adults with dementia or mild cognitive impairment living in nursing homes

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Thank you for your review comments. We incorporated your suggestions into the manuscript. Your feedback was extremely helpful in strengthening it. We checked the comments and revised the manuscript and also edited it again according to the comments. Thank you for your invaluable time.

To make checking easier, we marked the revised parts in the manuscript in blue.

• Please synthesize the following paragraphs. There are some redundancies:

P4, line 47: Although there are several instruments to measure QOL in dementia, there is a need to confirm their construct validity…. 

P5, line 6: Moreover, although there are a number of dementia-specific QOL measures, there is insufficient knowledge about the psychometric properties and internal structure of QOL measure…. 

Reply: We have deleted the sentence which were redundant according to comments.

• The new paragraph that you added in the p5 ("The primary method……from a new population.") should be incorporated to the statistical analysis section.

Reply: We have moved the paragraph to the statistical section.
• In the results section, you presented the results about "the reliability of GQOL-D". You should mention this as one of the objectives (reliability and validity) of the study and describe how you analyzed the data in the statistical analysis section.

Reply: We revised the aim of the study and added the statistical method of reliability test.

• Please delete the sentence you added in the page 14, line 16 "The two-factor structure of the GQOL-D proposed in this study……as health outcomes." You repeated the same idea at the end of the paragraph.

Reply: We have deleted the sentence according to the comments.