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Answers to the Editor Comments:

1. Please address the comments from reviewer 1.

Answer: Thank you. I have addressed all the concerns from the reviewer 1. Please find them in the next following answers.

2. Please ensure all tables are cited in the text of the manuscript, we notice that Table 4 is not currently cited.

Answer: Thank you. We have cited Table 4 in the results section.

3. Please clarify whether "cotes" in the "Consent for publication" section should be "quotes". If so, please amend this typo.

Answer: Thank you we have corrected cotes to quotes in the consent for publication section.

4. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:


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While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Reviewer reports: re-phrase these sections to minimize overlap.

Answer: Thank you for your comment. We revised the overlaps with the above mentioned publications, and we rephrased our sentences accordingly. Please find them in the discussion section.

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Reviewer reports:

Carlton Dampier, MD (Reviewer 1):

1. Since most of these participants were studied while presenting for acute care, the authors might cite Peds QL scores from reference: Pediatr Blood Cancer 2010;54:92-97, "Vaso-Occlusive Painful Events in Sickle Cell Disease: Impact on Child Well-Being", which also studied SCD children presenting for acute care.

Answer: Thank you. We have cited the article. Please see it in page 4 Methods section.

2. The information on translation of the English version of the Peds QL should be included in the methods section.

Answer. Thank you. This has been included in the methods section.

3. The lack of qualitative validation of the translated version should be mentioned as a limitation. This step qualitatively verifies that the meaning of each question was properly captured in the local language translation.

Answer: Thank you. This additional information has been mentioned in the limitation section.
Sherif M. Badawy (Reviewer 2):
The authors addressed all my earlier concerns. I have no additional comments.

Reply: Thank you.