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The authors have appropriated responded to many of the concerns noted in the first review. A few outstanding items remain:

Methods:

1. The first sentence under the "Follow-up" subheading seems to be incomplete. There is also a misspelling and form should likely be "from" (e.g., After six months, data on... and complications were collected from each center).

2. The reasoning for sub-group analyses should be explicitly defined in the manuscript. There does not need to be a lot of text to describe this. Your point about quality of life changes with the EQ-D5 and among older individuals in the general population should suffice.

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