Reviewer’s report

Title: Health-related quality of life as predictor for mortality in patients treated with long-term mechanical ventilation

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Major comments:

1- The impact of the type of underlying condition on the outcome was not measured.

2- The ideal statistical method to investigate this is to examine the interaction term.

3- Lack of this examination or any results that impact the final results must be reflected in the Results and Discussion.

Minor revision

1- Any of 66 patients that did not respond to the survey died?

2- Was the cause of death studied?

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