Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing skin disease and associated health-related quality of life in a rural Lao community

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Reviewer: Barbara Schuster

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This is a successful revision of the original manuscript. Methodological weaknesses of the study are now appropriately discussed by the authors. Reasons for specific methodological decisions (e.g. selection of just one village) and resulting limitations are explained. The aim of the study and the conclusion have been adapted to match the scale of the study. However, there is one section that still needs some adjustment: On page 7, the authors claim that the age distribution in the sample matches the age distribution in the Lao population. With the new and more precise age grouping, this gets a lot clearer. However, there is a large discrepancy for the group aged 15-24 years and also a smaller one for the people aged 65 and older. Possible explanations for this are discussed later on. Still, the claim that the age distribution in the sample and the Lao population are similar needs to be restricted, e.g. "With the exception of the age groups 15-24 years and 65 years and older, the age distribution in this sample was similar to the age distribution in the population as a whole:"

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