Reviewer’s report

Title: A translation and preliminary validation of the Dutch Wound-QoL questionnaire

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This is an interesting and useful study.
I do, however, have some questions/suggestions:
1. Could you offer more information about the generic HRQoL instrument EQ-5D-3L?
2. Please give more detail about the statistical analysis, i.e. did you use parametric or non-parametric tests of correlation? Please note the full info about SPSS 25.
3. Did you have any eligibility/exclusion/elimination criteria? You mention: The Wound-QoL scores were calculated by averaging the respective items, if at least 75% of the items had been answered... were there any questionnaires that did not have 75% of answers completed? was this a reason for exclusion?
4. You mention: Of the seventeen items, nine items at T0 and eight items at T1 showed no missing values. This sounds like an awful lot of missing values. How did you account for these?
5. You did not find significant change in several psychometric properties in the read-out group. However, this subgroup also had a significantly longer wound duration from the beginning. Please elaborate on this association.
6. Please clarify what values for each type of coefficient mean: what does a Cronbach alpha of 0.794 mean? what does a r=0.215 mean? Because, although significant, some of the correlations you found are not high. It would be very informative for the readers if in the methods section you explain what the values of each coefficient stand for good/moderate/fair/bad and so on.
7. it seems the method of questionnaire completion could be affecting results. What would be a strategy to reduce this source of bias?

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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No

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