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Title: Factors associated with access to health services and quality of life in knee osteoarthritis patients: a multilevel cross-sectional study

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Yes - current version is technically sound

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: Thank you for providing the opportunity to re-review this paper following my initial peer-review. The authors have provided amendments or rebuttals as appropriate. The changes have provided a more in-depth analysis of the paper. The reporting of the methods and justification has improved. My only question is around the use of English. There are a number of punctuation and grammatical errors which I believe can be corrected to improve the message of the paper. However I will leave this to the direction of the editorial team. Otherwise I have no objection for this paper to be accepted.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

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Yes

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