Reviewer’s report

Title: Improved persistence and adherence to diuretic fixed-dose combination therapy compared to diuretic monotherapy

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The authors show that the persistence to fixed dose combinations containing a diuretic is better than that to a diuretic given alone. The authors do not emphasize that patients receiving diuretics alone may not only be hypertensive patients but patients with other diseases. This is reflected by a high percentage of women taking diuretics in other circumstances. Since the authors do not have the diagnosis and the clinical data explaining why the drugs were prescribed, they should at least discuss this point which could a confounding factor.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing conflict of interests.