Reviewer's report

Title: Family practice nurses supporting self-management in older patients with osteoarthritis: a randomized trial

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Reviewer: J.J. J Rasker

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Minor Essential revisions:
page 2 five lines from below a word is missing ...group (and ?) to one scale
page 7-8 methods: the AIMS2 SF has not been validated in Dutch for OA as far as the reviewer knows, it has been in the USA and Germany (ref: Ren XS, Kazis L and Meenan RF. Short form arthritis Impatt measurement scales: test of reliability and validity among patients with osteoarthritis Arthritis Care and Research 1999; 12: 163 - 171 and Rosemann T, Körner T, Wensing M, Schneider A and Szechenyi J. Evaluation and cultural adaptation of a German version of the AIMS2-SF questionnaire (German AIMS2-SF) Rheumatology 2005;44: 1190-1195
this should be argumented here and in the discussion.
References: ref 1 has been published in 2003 and not in 2005

Discretionary Revisions: I would strongly suggest to change the title in ...in older patients with "mild" osteoarthritis.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests