Reviewer's report

Title: Homeopathic Treatment of Elderly Patients - A Prospective Observational Study with a Follow-Up over a two year period

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This a useful article, part of a series published by this group. I strongly recommend publication subject to some minor revisions, one of which is important.

Minor essential: I could find no mention of how many patients withdrew, were lost to follow up or died. This is strange since a full explanation of how such data was handled is given! These data must be included.

Minor Discretionary: The study was uncontrolled and perhaps a fuller acknowledgement of the limitations of the method should be given.

Nevertheless the significant improvements and, particularly, the reduction in medication is impressive. It would be helpful to have more detail on medication reduction: presumably it was statistical significant? It would also be useful to have more detail (perhaps in another pie chart) of the classes of medication that were reduced. I would guess that hypnotics or migraine medication is more like to reduced than anti-hypertensive medication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests