Reviewer's report

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

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minor amendments:

1. The word "data" is plural. The associated verb should reflect this throughout the manuscript.

2. In abstract (line 30), "SD" is placed awkwardly. I suggest "mean age 73.2 ± (SD) 3.1 years".

3. In Study Design (line 77), I don't understand the expression "patients aged were included...".

4. In Outcome Measures, the interpretation of score = 10 is still not clear (lines 103-104 and 120). Do they mean in the personal experience of the patient/practitioner?

5. Discussion (line 222): no apostrophe at "months".

6. Lines 238-241: As it stands, this is not a grammatically correct sentence. Either: remove "Although" (line 238); OR remove "and" (line 240) with a comma inserted in its place.

7. Lines 242-243: Too many "homeopaths" and "homeopathy"!

8. Conclusion (line 278): "The" should be lower case.

9. Table 3 and Figures 1-2 (and in main text): "study population" should be "study sample".

10. Figure 2: I can't find a reference to it in the Results text.