Reviewer's report

Title: A multi-faceted intervention to implement guideline care and improve quality of care for older people who present to the emergency department with falls

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Major Compulsory Revisions: Nil

Minor Essential Revisions: Typos including Its {here, it is better} encouraging the multi-disciplinary care index improved, this supports that improved care was actually received by the patient.

I have no revisions to suggest as the authors have:

* addressed an important clinical issue of relevance to this journal
* applied implementation science theory to include the work of Graham and Grol
* use a thoughtful approach to identifying the barriers, grouping them, and dealing with them in a rational manner
* might consider new paper on ED falls not being cost effective PEETERS OI, 2010 Lips Group - for the discussion; failed to show effectiveness of PROFET type study - might it have suffered some of the barriers outlined here? (No pressure to cite, just a thought).
* Good numbers for this prospective before and after study
* Strong on stats
* Proportion of ED fallers sounds right - has face validity with my experience in the ED
* very well written paper
* Important KT - knowledge translation is critical and this paper lends itself to that of course.
* I like the objective measures of improved care - of the processes
* Limitations are clearly outlined.

I can see a lot of groups implementing this and taking the argument to funding agencies for the additional staff. Very well anchored in reality - the sort of paper that makes a difference to what is done in the health care system and can benefit patients in the short-term.

The authors apologise a bit for the 17% improvement in uptake but I think that is a laudable change in a frail population - this change is IMPRESSIVE!
Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

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