Reviewer's report

Title: Medication supply to residential aged care facilities using a centralized medication chart to replace prescriptions

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Generally an interesting paper regarding an alternative to prescriptions.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. It is likely that the readership will be international. The title does not indicate the study pertains to Australia or Western Australia.

2. There is no mention of what prescription systems are in place in other English speaking countries like UK or USA?

3. What about other medical practitioners such as geriatricians and psychogeriatricians who practice in RACFs? If they were not invited to attend the focus group a reason may need to be given.

4. The study does not differentiate between low or high level care in RACFs or long term care. Is there a difference in the prescribing habits and support required? If not then this may need to be stated.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Table 1 to 4 - Replace 'doctor' with General Practitioner or Primary care Physician if in USA.

2. In describing the Perth suburbs it might also be useful for overseas readers if a geographical context and demographic was provided. For example Fremantle is a the port on the West coast of Perth or Osborne Park is a northern suburb of Perth.

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

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 I have no competing interests