Reviewer's report

Title: A cross-sectional study to compare care needs of individuals with and without dementia in residential homes in the Netherlands

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This is a useful contribution that identifies relatively high needs of persons with dementia who are residing in assisted living.

Strengths of the study include a comparison with non-cognitively impaired individuals and multiple sites. A limitation not mentioned is that these facilities were in one geographic area.

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.