Reviewer’s report

Title: Can volunteer companions prevent falls among inpatients? A feasibility study using a pre-post comparative design.

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Reviewer: David Oliver

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General

I think that this paper has benefited from the incorporation of responses to peer review without losing its key messages. It is now much easier for any reviewers to see and replicate the methodology and to understand its justification and limitations. I would certainly support publication with no further amendments, though it is worth pointing out that David Fonda's Paper has now been published in full in the Australian Medical Journal as have the Australian Council Best practice guidelines for preventing falls in institutions and that these should be cited in current format.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
None

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
See comment on references

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What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests