Reviewer's report

Title: How healthy are chronically ill patients after eight years of homeopathic treatment? - Results from a long term observational study

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Major Revisions
None

Minor Essential revisions
1) Use of term "adolescent" is used incorrectly in this paper. Adolescents are ages 12-18. The authors refer to "adolescents below the age of 8." These should be called "children."

2) Section 3.3, paragraph 1 the authors refer incorrectly to "effect sizes" that were estimated from the linear model. I believe the correct term here should be "odds ratios."

3) Again on page 9 the term "effect size" is used incorrectly in reference to severity ratings after 8 years. It should say the "change" in severity ratings after 8 years.

4) Several English grammar mistakes- suggest authors have paper reviewed by native English speaker.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.