Reviewer's report

Title: A pilot study into the effect of intake of Fucus vesiculosus, an edible brown seaweed, upon menstrual cycle length and hormonal status of pre-menopausal women

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Reviewer: Alison M Duncan

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Overall, Dr. Skibola has responded to all of my original comments very well. I am particularly satisfied that the paper has been re-categorized into a case study presentation as the small sample size and large intra-subject variation in the endpoints were my main concerns.

I have 2 minor editorial notes:
- under "effects of treatment on length of menstrual cycle and total days of menstruation"; last line: insert a space in between "the" and "1.4"
- same section next paragraph; last line of the page; should the 4.5+0.7 be a plus/minus sign?

What next?: Accept after minor essential 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