Reviewer's report

Title: Health Habits and Other Characteristics of Dietary Supplement Users: A Review

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The authors review the prevalence and characteristics of vitamin supplement users using data from several US studies. Most of the information comes from NHANES, the Multiethnic cohort and the VITAL studies. The results presented are well known and do not add further knowledge to the current field of research. The number of references is very small and does not provide a thorough view of the literature on dietary supplement use in the US. For instance, several papers on this topic were published in January 2007 by the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, but only one (reference 18 in the manuscript) is provided. A quick Medline search by the reviewer identified several reviews that the authors did not consider in their paper:


Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests