Reviewer's report

Title: Persistence with Antihypertensives in Uncomplicated Treatment-naïve Very Elderly Patients: A Nationwide Population-based Study

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Reviewer: Lai Siew Mei Pauline

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for inviting me to review this manuscript which describes the persistence of antihypertensive medications in treatment naive very elderly patients.

Overall, this manuscript is well written, and provides an interesting read.

Abstract

Lines 40-41: please report the figures of the very elderly and elderly in comparison with which group. It is not self explanatory in the abstract, but was explained in the methods section in the main text, that it was in comparison with the adult group.

Introduction

Elaborate more on why medication persistence may differ between Western and Asian populations (line 76-77)

Methods

Well written

Results

It is sufficient to present results in one decimal point.

Line 166: the authors state that dyslipidamia was the least common in the very elderly. Table 1 shows that depression was the least common?

Discussion and conclusion

Well written
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