Reviewer's report

Title: Drug use differs by care level. A cross-sectional comparison between older people living at home or in a nursing home in Oslo, Norway

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Reviewer: Carole Parsons

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This is an interesting study comparing medication use by older people residing at home with older people residing in nursing homes. It is well written, and the rationale for the study and the methods used are well defined and appropriate. The results are presented clearly and discussed in the context of the literature in the area. In my opinion this manuscript is acceptable for publication with minimal revisions required as detailed below:

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