Reviewer's report

Title: An interdisciplinary statement of scientific societies for the advancement of delirium care across Europe (EDA, EANS, EUGMS, COTEC, IPTOP/WCPT)

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The authors address an important issue in delirium - the need for interdisciplinary collaboration in order to improve quality of care. The manuscript as it is, however, does not add anything novel to the literature. This reviewer agrees that delirium remains underdetected and under-recognized/under-appreciated. Nonetheless, discussing in the Background portion the prevalence/incidence of delirium, NICE guidelines and the need for nonpharmacologic interventions does not bring anything new to the topic. Page 10-11 is when the authors bring up the more interesting and important topics of current obstacles to delirium care in Europe. I think this manuscript would benefit from moving this important conversation to earlier in the paper. Also on Page 14, the authors bring up the important point of improving daily clinical practice through screening, diagnosis, etc. Have the authors considered risk stratification and flagging high risk patients to be a useful approach to delirium patients? This manuscript has potential to lay forth important guidelines on international interdisciplinary collaborative care for delirium patients but falls short of this by not providing adequate exploration/explanation of the options.

Minor comments:

Page 3 Line 14 may be lacking a "despite" or "yet": Delirium has severe adverse consequences, but this and its high prevalence

Page 6 Line 41 needs a reference to demonstrate that mortality and nursing home placement are reduced with CGAs

Page 8 Line 26 would benefit from some proposed options. What do these authors, experts in the field recommend as ways to change our cultural mindset from disease centered to patient centered?

Page 10 Line 24 Therapeutic nihilism is a bit dramatic - or at least needs more explanation and details

Page 13 Line 9-12 The Delphi approach sounds promising and that study was published in Age and Ageing - would appreciate more information about this form of delirium education
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