Reviewer’s report

Title: The development of the PROMPT (PRescribing Optimally in Middle-aged People’s Treatments) criteria

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The authors of this study states in the background "We have developed a set of explicit prescribing criteria called PROMPT (PRescribing Optimally in Middle-aged People’s Treatments) to determine the prevalence of PIP in this age-group, using prescription-based datasets."

However, they concluded the study stating "PROMPT is the first set of prescribing criteria developed for use in middle-aged adults. The utility of these criteria will be tested in future studies using prescribing datasets. They didn’t report the prevalence of potentially inappropriate prescribing (PIP) in middle-aged adults.

2. The reviewer wants to know how this study is different from previous explicitly prescribed criteria for older people in the studies cited. That is [9-11,14].

3. What is contribution of this study other than that referred (-11 and 14).

4. How the results from this study can be used in clinical practice?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests