Reviewer’s report

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

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This paper needful to accept following comments given below:

Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. Authors said “In order to inform the development of PROMPT, a literature review was conducted to identify published prescribing criteria for older people”. So how many articles did author review to identify the prescribing criteria in this study?

2. The authors also said “the Project Steering Group also reviewed the prevalence of individual drug use in middle-aged adults using dispensing data from the Enhanced Prescribing Database (EPD) and the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS)”. And the medication with low prevalence (i.e. cut-off less than 0.5%) were excluded. So how big of the database EPD and PCRS? Such as how many patients/prescriptions per years of this database? Authors should clearly mention about the information of those Database in this study.

3. From line 123 to line 129, authors said “Criteria were also excluded if they were not applicable in the absence of clinical information”. Meaning some criteria are not applicable in their database?

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Authors may add more some references

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests