Reviewer's report

Title: The Beyond Ageing Project Phase 2: A double-blind selective prevention randomised placebo-controlled trial of omega-3 fatty acids and sertraline in an older age cohort at risk for depression

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Reviewer: Cindy Cooper

Reviewer's report:

I have reviewed the protocol and the writing is of a high standard and sufficient details are provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses.

It is a valuable study and of a robust design (though these things aren't included in your review criteria) so it is appropriate for publication.

I have one point which you might like to bring to the attention of the authors for their consideration. This is not a mandatory change.

I would like the authors to review the statement for hypothesis 1 "participants receiving omega-3 fatty acids and sertraline will..."

and check that they really do mean " omega-3 fatty acids AND sertraline" rather than "omega-3 fatty acids OR sertraline".