Reviewer’s report

Title: Application of Marte Meo® counselling with people with behavioural variant frontotemporal dementia and their primary carers (AMEO-FTD) - A non-randomized feasibility study

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A worthy paper and good core set of instruments used for the feasibility study but rather surprised not to see an EQ5D, DEMQoL or QoL-AD used in the overall assessment (e.g. see Aguirre E, Kang S, Hoare Z, Edwards RT, Orrell M. How does the EQ-5D perform when measuring quality of life in dementia against two other dementia-specific outcome measures?. Quality of life research. 2016 Jan 1;25(1):45-9.). Although EQ-5D is not a specifically tailored instrument for dementia populations and therefore may not fully capture unique and important aspects of dementia patients' experiences, it provides a good summary of overall quality of life with advantages of being short, easy to administer and allowing comparisons of preference-based health-related quality of life across diverse patient groups and health technologies. It can also be incorporated into health economic analysis (e.g. as an incremental cost effectiveness ratio or ICER) should you need to compare MM Counselling with treatment as usual. Perhaps something to add in the discussion or at least keep in mind for future studies. May I take this opportunity to wish you the best of luck with future studies on this counselling method.

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