Reviewer's report

Title: Effects of an interactive CD-program on 6 months readmission rate in patients with heart failure - a randomised, controlled trial [NCT00311194]

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Reviewer: David R Thompson

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

More on the limitations of the study. It is not really surprising that a CD-program given to patients on only two occasions had limited effects. Why not give the patients and partners the CD to use at their convenience and repeat as often as necessary? Also, in the Discussion, the authors claim that knowledge saturation might have been achieved, but the knowledge tests indicate that the treatment group only had a mean score of 10 (out of 16) and the control 7.7, indicating that there is room for improvement.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Title page: Is BPharm in the wrong place?

Attention to English is required

There are typo errors, such as 'esp'on page 3 and Jama' and 'Bmj' in references

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No