Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Richard Rheingans

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General comments.
This is well conceived, executed, and reported systematic review. In addition to meeting the keep methodological and reporting criteria, the study provides a critical assessment of the gaps in the literature and identifies the importance of appropriate and comparable cost-effectiveness methods.

I think the focus on comparing approaches to improving access and utilization (rather than the services or behaviors themselves) is an important contribution.

Major compulsory revisions
None

Minor essential revisions
None

Discretionary revisions
None

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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.