Reviewer's report

**Title:** An Evaluation of the Integration of Non-Traditional Learning Tools into a Community Based Breast and Cervical Cancer Education Program: The Witness Project of Buffalo

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This is an interesting manuscript and the investigators are to be applauded for their considerable investment of time and resources into community-based breast health educational programs. However the difficulties identified in completing the training of the counselors within the 6-8 week timeframe raises the concern that the investigators might have been "overreaching" in the complexity of their training program. Perhaps effective outreach could have been accomplished with a less intensive/comprehensive format. Additional information should be provided regarding the training program content. Do the authors have data that validates the need for a program as in-depth as the one that was utilized?

Did the investigators identify any particular profile for counselors predicting increased likelihood of successful training (eg personal experience with cancer, etc)?

**Competing interests:**

None declared.