Reviewer's report

Title: Understanding the problems developing a healthy living programme in individuals with serious mental illness: a qualitative study

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Reviewer: Scott Brunero

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Thankyou for the chance to review this paper.

My first point is around method selection ‘grounded theory’, from how you have presented your results I am not sure grounded theory was followed. Did you use constant comparison? Did you produce a substantive or grand theory? The purpose of quoting participants is to reflect the nature of parts of theory you produce, in parts you have provided excerpts of transcripts, which are unnecessary in grounded theory, there is no need to transcribe the questions asked. What is important is the narrative around the ‘themes’ or elements of your theory. Have you in fact completed a content analysis? (Neuendorf 2002).

The discussion needs to be more in depth and reflect the current literature, what can been proposed for future practice, how can we use the theory you have generated to aid practice. What is new about your research, what gap in the literature does it fill? The following studies may help in you discussion:


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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

none