Reviewer's report

**Title:** Group interventions to improve health outcomes: a framework for their design and delivery

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**Reviewer:** Sarah Cowley

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This paper draws on the considerable experience of the authors in conducting group-based interventions, as well as a relevant, focused review of others’ comments about the experience. It raises important methodological concerns about this increasingly important and prevalent approach to health improvement. The impressive critique of a wide range of papers and sources amply justifies and explains the need to develop a standard framework for developing and evaluating group activities.

The framework that is presented is convincing and well argued. It will be immensely helpful to both practitioners and researchers in the field in future. Each point is clearly explained, which illustrates the extent of complexity that needs taking into account in this form of work. The paper should become a classic resource for both evaluators and health promoters who use this form of intervention.

**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.