Reviewer's report

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The additions to this article have substantially improved the overall usefulness of the work by way of acknowledging other work in this area and justifying the importance of building upon existing tools to assess applicability and transferability. It is much clearer now that the ASTAIRE tool could be useful for program decision-making and adaptation.

The information provided by the authors about the appropriateness of concept mapping was also useful for reviewing this manuscript.

The authors have appropriately identified where the ASTAIRE tool may assist in an evidence-informed decision-making process.

Minor essential revisions

I agree with the other reviewer that 'dose response' is unconventional language in health promotion, however the field may often mention 'dose' in terms of evaluating delivery of planned activities.

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.