Reviewer’s report

Title: Social Action or Critical Analysis? A concept analysis of critical health literacy

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This paper discusses a popular concept that is emerging in Public Health - Health Literacy.

The methods are solid, and the aim ambitious and worthwhile.

Major:
There is a major gap between what the results imply and what is presented in the conclusions.
The choice of quotes at times was difficult to fathom.
It is not clear how this paper really advances the field.

Minor:
Many papers are quoted that are not accessible.
References are mixed up in places. Particularly page 14 - and perhaps more.
The paper is not will written - the argument at times is very hard to follow.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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