Reviewer's report

Title: Informing the Development of an Online Self-Management Program for Men Living with HIV: A Needs Assessment

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Major Revisions
1) Literature review of self-management is limited to citing one review that was conducted but not providing any informaiton about the findings from that review. The literature review requires significant expansion.

2) Definition of self-management by Lorig is ok, but many communities in the USA talk about family management, not just self. Perhaps self works here if this sample is primarily gay, white men. I doubt it works if these are individuals of color.

3) It is not clear that saturation was reached with one focus group with 11 participants. I found the findings very interesting and well presented, but perhaps due only to those who participated and not representing a larger community. There was no discussion of the limitations of this observation of the potential of failing to reach saturation in the questions about self-management.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
None