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Title: HIV Behavioural Interventions Targeted Towards Older Adults: a Systematic Review

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Discretionary Revisions

In my opinion, this review would be more clinically useful if the issues unique to HIV infected older adults that may be addressed by non-pharmacological interventions (some have been identified in the background literature review e.g. increasing prevalence, delayed diagnosis, poor knowledge, high-risk behaviour, social and psychological concerns, co-morbidities and functional impairment etc) were better related to the studies reviewed. This would also highlight the gaps in the literature.

Currently the review is difficult to read as the issues are identified in the background and then the studies and interventions are listed separately in the discussion and the tables without a way of easily linking the two.

I would find it easier to use the information if in the discussion the issue and existing interventions about that specific issue were directly compared e.g. high risk behaviour followed by a summary of the interventional studies related to this and the success of the interventions and then a comment about what is lacking in the data.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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