Reviewer's report

Title: Using Intervention Mapping to develop a programme to prevent sexually transmittable infections and HIV among heterosexual migrant men.

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Reviewer: Jonathan Zenilman

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

From reading the paper, it is difficult to ascertain what the overall objective was—Is this a practice-based approach to using the models for developing interventions? Is this a qualitative/descriptive analysis? Is it a controlled trial?

The IM approach is described—However, this reviewer is not clear whether IM represents a truly new approach towards developing interventions—or is it a systematization of previously described approaches?. Intervention development courses in Schools of Public Health use similar algorithms, but have not packaged it as such, including doing needs assessment, stakeholder analysis, qualitative/ethnographic research, focus/Delphi group analysis, program development and evaluation

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests