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**Title:** Characteristics and Effectiveness of Diabetes Self-management Educational Programs targeted to Racial/ Ethnic Minority Groups. A systematic review, meta-analysis and meta-regression

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**Reviewer:** Anne Belton

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

NONE

- Minor Essential Revisions

Several typographical corrections have been noted in the manuscript.

- Discretionary Revisions

Paragraph - Introduction - line 6
Are the plans devised by healthcare professionals or are they developed collaboratively with the patient??? - likely makes a difference to how well they are followed

Paragraph - Effectiveness of intervention
It would be interesting to know if knowledge gain was measured immediately or after some time - was it simply recall

Paragraph - Effectiveness of intervention
I am not sure I know what an improvement in health beliefs would be - sounds a little judgmental ... were they really assessing health beliefs and against what to say an improvement??

Paragraph - intervention characteristics
Do you mean individually face to face because below you say group format which would presumably also be face to face.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.