Reviewer’s report

Title: Support groups for Dementia caregivers - Predictors for utilisation and expected quality from a family caregiver’s point of view: A questionnaire survey

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Overall, this manuscript represents a unique contribution to the literature. Analytic procedures were conducted with attention to detail, and the overall, the manuscript was well written.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

The overarching premise of the study is that support groups are helpful to caregivers. While this is true, the authors do not address major studies in which skills based psychoeducational interventions have been found to be superior to support groups. While this does not take away from the impact of the study, it should be addressed in the introduction, and perhaps in the conclusion as well.

The formatting and writing can be cleaned up. Paragraphs are not indented and some paragraphs in the discussion are too long. Also, why do the authors use both, "conclusions" and "discussion" as headings in the paper?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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