Reviewer's report

Title: Supporter or obstructor; experiences from contact person activities among Swedish women with breast cancer

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Reviewer: Paola Mosconi

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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)

The authors did not describe how the eight informants has been selected. In particular is not reported the number of PABCP women contacted, the number of responders, and the criteria adopted to select the participants. Moreover more socio-demographic caracteristic of informants are required (like education...).

In the discussion section same specific comments about the generability of results is required considering the large number of breast cancer associations in Europa (see European J Cancer 40: 1145-1149, 2004 and European Journal of Cancer 40: 1111-1116, 2004)

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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)

In the Background section the authors described the philosophy of scandinavian concept of association. Some more details are necessary to better understand the differences reported (in particular collective versus individual aspects) and Reach to Recovery Program.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests