Reviewer’s report

Title: Psychological Advocacy Towards Healing (PATH): randomised controlled trial to determine the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a psychological intervention delivered by domestic violence advocates

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Reviewer: Michele Kiely

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. I found the description of the sample size and power misplaced. It seemed to belong much earlier in the manuscript. (I thought it belonged before the description of the intervention.)
2. Were there any restrictions in the randomization, such as blocking?
3. I thought the roles of members of the research team should have been made more explicit. The only person explicitly describe were the Specialist Psychological Advocate and the clinical psychologist who supervised them.
4. I was unclear why the researchers, unless they were the ones providing the intervention, were privy to the randomization group.

Discretionary Revisions
5. What is the plan if a participant does not attend the CBT sessions?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests to declare.