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: Judith McFarlane

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The study design cannot adequately test the hypothesis with an Attention Control group. Much has been written over the last 20 years regarding the importance of an Attention Control group to control for the "attention" offered to the intervention group. Without an attention control group the hypothesis cannot be tested with any degree of validity.
2. An effect size of .5 is projected. Data is needed to justify the .5 effect size on populations of abused women.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

NO to all questions in declaration