Reviewer’s report

Title: Development and Evaluation of culturally sensitive psychosocial interventions for under-served people in Primary Care

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Major Revisions:

- Background:
  The author specifically identifies "black" and minority ethnic communities, separating this group out from the other ethnic minorities in the sample but provides no summary statement or information about findings specific to this group. A more appropriate term may be “ethnic minorities” unless the author plans to speak specifically about Blacks and the other minority group.

- Methods:
  This section is where the first mention of who the “Black” people are in the sample. The “Black” in the BME group are actually Somali service users in the UK. If the sample includes both South Asian and Somali participants it is important to understand the importance of using a more appropriate term to capture the ethnicity and culture of the Somali group like “ethnic minorities”. Somali are Africans which allows them to fall under the "ethnic minorities" umbrella. What then is the purpose of separating the Somali from the South Asians when they are both ethnic minorities in the UK. Furthermore, the author has to be careful to provide a better description of the sample considering the term "black" suggests a culture rooted in American Culture that is used as a racial categorization but may not capture the ethnic and cultural differences of Somali participants living in the UK. More importantly, South Asian minorities and older people seem to make up the majority of the sample. The author does highlight the specific needs of South Asian families and older persons and this should be reflected throughout the paper.

- Group Intervention:
  The author offered participants “a group session on intergenerational conflicts, such conflicts were mainly focused on living with in-laws”. Where the literature that suggests this is a culturally appropriate adaptation and not just a factor in treatment that should be addressed with any group (older group, Europeans/Whites, non-minorities)?

- Results:
  Given that only 1 Somali participant is represented in this paper the term "BME" seems less appropriate and the term "Black" should be removed because not
only is it an incorrect term to associate with the Somali culture but the results cannot generalize to the Somali minority group. As such, the author should use the term ethnic minority or specifically identify and report “South Asian” as the population of focus throughout the manuscript.

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

**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 below