Reviewer’s report

Title: The effectiveness of community engagement in public health interventions for disadvantaged groups: A meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Malinee Laopaiboon

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Even the points I mentioned last time have been modified, I still have some concerns.

1) Searching was update in 2011. The evidence may be out of date. The authors must show that the evidence from this review is up to date for 2014.

2) On page 15, the authors report results of risk of bias that 69 trials considered to have low risk of bias and the others of 62 with high risk. It is unclear what criteria was used to judge these. They need the information in methodology.

3) I could not recognize what I reviewed last time. But I find in this review that the results of this paper is difficult to follow and so complex. There are many points I am not clear and find difficult to provide any suggestions.

I am sorry to let the editor know that I could not give any potential review evidence for you and could not decide whether the paper should be accepted.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.