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Title: An Exploration of Group-based HIV/AIDS Treatment and Care Models in Sub-Saharan Africa Using a Realist Evaluation (Intervention-Context-Actor-Mechanism-Outcome) Heuristic Tool: A Systematic Review

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This is a very interesting and thorough paper which reports on a topic of interest to the readers of Implementation Science. The paper is interesting both in terms of its substantive findings about the lack of reporting mechanisms of action of the differentiated care models for ART for PLWHA and also because the method would be of interest to people working in any area of implementation.

I have only one comment about the paper which is why I am recommending minor revisions. Overall, it is written like a student thesis. There is a lot of explanations reasons for and details of the methods selected and this detracts a little from the narrative of the paper and its findings. If rewritten so that the methods are introduced by not defended, the paper would be, in my opinion, ready for publication. There are no substantial errors or omissions of detail in methods or results and the introduction is thorough. There is a typo on page 5, line 113 (differentiated).

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