Reviewer’s report

Title: BRACAVENIR: an observational study of expectations and coping in young women with high hereditary risk of breast and ovarian cancer

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While this is good paper describing a single psychoeducational intervention for young women with HBOC, the lack of a control group makes the interpretation of the outcomes presented in this paper difficult to interpret for practical use. The authors described attempting to recruit a control group but were unsuccessful, but perhaps the authors need to rethink what a control group could look like. A control group of young women with HBOC could be sent questionnaires over a one year time period to see how outcome measures change over time with no intervention whatsoever (they needn't spend the weekend at the spa hotel). If the authors don't feel it would be feasible to pursue a control group of this nature at this time, perhaps it would be best to rewrite this paper as descriptive data set rather than an intervention since the effectiveness of the intervention cannot truly be assessed.

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