Reviewer’s report

Title: Personal goal-setting among women living with breast cancer: protocol for a scoping review

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I see that the authors did put some effort into the revision, but to be honest I am not really satisfied with how it worked out and how they addressed my comments. It still is difficult to follow, the rationale is still not clear, and it is written too imprecisely. The link between the introduction and the objectives is still not strong. Although the authors have removed the reference to 'intervention' in the introduction, they continue to refer to 'intervention studies' in the methods, results and discussion sections. Furthermore, although they do provide a rationale for only including breast cancer, I don't think it is a strong rationale, especially because the argument they use leads to the conclusion that BC patients probably report goals with different content than patients with other types of cancer. Goal literature, however, is pretty clear on the fact that (very relevant if you want to think about goal interventions) the content of a goal is not the most relevant, but it is about the characteristics of the goal: is it attainable, personally important etc that impact wellbeing outcomes etc. Finally, I don't think the argument they give about why they also want to include studies that only have focused on treatment goals is strong. Treatment goals differ fundamentally from personal goals, the terms also come from very different literatures.

Although I think it still is a bad decision to include studies that focus on treatment goals only, the authors should at least acknowledge that treatment goals are fundamentally different from personal goals.

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