Reviewer’s report

Title: Health literacy enhanced intervention for inner-city African Americans with uncontrolled diabetes: A pilot study

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This pilot study is fascinating, even for the social aspect addressed. Authors do not focus specifically on this aspect, maybe they should explain why they choose such a specific population.

The background, in my opinion, is fluent, the epidemiological data are reasonably up to date, but the supporting literature seems not so recent. Authors need to explain findings in previous health literacy intervention improvement better.

The intervention itself is well described, but even this is a pilot, authors should inform about sample dimension they need to improve the next study.

The first paragraph in the "Analysis section" should be put under "results".

Authors declare that their intervention has been well accepted, citing participants answers, but nineteen of them dropped out, voluntary, and half of them immediately after the starting of the study. Do Authors check the reason why those patients never gone to meeting and visits?

Authors define the intervention effective; they should better describe what control, home visit, phone calls and counselling support their results.

Authors do not describe any assessment of patients self-care and self-efficacy ability; should these variables have an impact on their results? Authors need to explain this issue in the discussion section of the paper. In particular, the limits of the study should be better described.

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