Reviewer’s report

Title: Pilot Test of an Educational Intervention to Improve Self-management of Diabetes in Persons Living with HIV

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Reviewer: Sandra Jumbe

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A really good and well written paper on a feasibility study for a self management intervention targeting a vulnerable patient group with high need. Your study rightly uncovers specific needs that can improve health outcomes if addressed e.g. low levels of knowledge and self management behaviours. More crucially, you highlight key challenges that may be faced when trying to implement health behaviour change interventions in this patient group.

I have only a few minor comments;

- 3 weeks post intervention follow up is a rather short window to assess retention of intervention skills

- Can you think of any tangible reason for the subpar DKT reliability? I think you vaguely suggest different demographic of your sample compared to previous studies...and also the sample size. Any issues with the actual scale for this particular sample/patient group?

- You refer to the Chronic Care model as your theoretical basis for the intervention content. However, I suggest having an actual logic model for your intervention that clearly illustrates/maps out how you think it influences increased knowledge, self management behaviours, etc

Lastly I noted a few typing errors as follows;

pg 8 line 19 on the word 'measure'

pg 9 lines 18-22 that sentence doesn't make sense

pg 13 on lines 13-14 and line 23

pg 14 your last sentence in the 'clinical implications' paragraph seems incomplete
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