

## Review of: "The Effect of Group-Based Family Orientation to Community Mental Health Services"

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The article (newer version) has much stronger writing with appropriate tenses and citations. There are still challenges with the methodology and the terminology in several places.

In the introduction, the paragraph that starts with "Recover-oriented" and inlcudes the SMART goal reference is repeated at the end of the introduction in the "local context" section. It works much better there and should be deleted from the beginning of the paper.

The introduction includes very long sentences that could be shortened or include commas or semi-colons to help the reader "follow along".

The "gap in the literature" that this study aims to fill is unclear. What is the justification for the study? It is mentioned briefly in the discussion section, but needs to be included in the introduction to orient the reader as to why the results matter.

The methodology "participants" section should include socio-demographic data in table form. It could be shown across all four groups rather than reported in 1 sentence in the results section.

The authors use several sentences to discuss the historic structure of the CAAMHPP and use various phrases that (as a non-Canadian citizen) are new to me. Simplifying this section to include only what is necessary to understand the results would be helpful.

The study design section is confusing. Diagramming the groups out using the Nov 2016 date would be helpful.

The four study groups are named differently in various tables and text. Making them uniform would be helpful to the reader.

The author should add in statistical testing for between groups equivalence across socio-demographics.