

Review of: "Effectiveness of a novel multi-modal intervention for family caregivers of persons with age-related macular degeneration: a randomised controlled trial"

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This very thoroughly executed randomised trial tries to improve and measure the burden for people caring for their relatives with age related macular degeneration. A multi-modal concept adopted from other diseases has been adapted over six month to remotely deliver tools and test their efficacy.

The authors conclude possible clinically relevant, but statistically non-significant effects, which is plausibly explained by the fact, that and why the recruitment goal was not achieved. This new field of research is very important and deserves further attention and ongoing research.

To increase clarity I suggest few minor changes:

- Title and abstract do not make clear, that the persons evaluated are the carers and not the patients with AMD
- To avoid confusion, I recommend using the terms "clinically meaningful" or "clinically relevant" but NOT clinically "significant" in this case, when discussing statistically non-significant effects
- I suggest adding the power-analysis in the methods section, which is now discussed later in the text