

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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Overall, the study is well done. Minor comments to consider.

Introduction:

Please include some details about AMD - Dry and Wet AMD. Even though roughly 80% of patients have dry AMD, the Wet form of AMD is linked to most AMD-related severe central visual acuity (VA) loss. Also, Wet AMD is responsible for ≈46% of cases of severe VA loss in people older than 40 years. Thus, Wet AMD has substantial impact on caregivers.

Another point that needs to be highlighted is that AMD is under diagnosed and under treatment is an ongoing problem.

Discuss briefly about anti-VEGF treatments which require injections at regular visits, further causing caregiver burden.

Results:

Even though NEI VFQ-25C scores are provided for both intervention and control group, additional details on patients in terms of type of AMD, disease severity, primary caregiver, etc. would be helpful.

Dropout rates in the intervention group could have been explored.

No description of telephone counseling sessions.

Discussion:

Although not statistically significant, the authors describe clinical significance, which is acceptable but can be affected by a host of factors.