Reviewer's report

Title: Exploratory randomized controlled trial evaluating the impact of a waiting list control design

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This is a very well written and interesting paper of particular interest to those working in the alcohol field, but also to any researchers considering a 'waiting list control' group

Minor Revisions:

The paper reports 157 responses at follow up, however table 2 accounts for 148 participants - please clarify

Discretionary suggestions:

Table 2 - I was unsure about the Category "Time", perhaps this could be renamed?

Some additional details on baseline characteristics would be helpful

The last sentence of the penultimate paragraph in the Discussion seems out of place.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests