Reviewer’s report

Title: Effects of Screening and Brief Intervention Training on Clinician Alcohol Intervention Behaviours: A pre- post-intervention assessment

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General

A well written report on the effects of screening and brief intervention training on clinician alcohol intervention behaviours which adds further insights into this important field of study. The manuscript would be improved by the amendments listed below particularly with an international readership in mind.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1) Issues relating to problem drinking should be put in a world wide context for international readers particularly as references to clinician behaviour are not specific to the USA.
2) The authors need to provide definitions of US clinicians e.g residents, fellows, attending physicians, faculty physicians.
3) All p values should be given (some p values were shown as exact figures (=) while others were defined as <.
4) The authors should define the abbreviation HHD which is first used in the methods section.
5) A reference should be provided for the statistical software used.
6) References 23 and 24 are reported to be in press. Full details are required.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests