Reviewer's report

Title: The effectiveness of an anti-stigma intervention in a basic police officer training programme. A controlled study

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This manuscript on an anti-stigma police officer student training is considerably stronger than the previous version. I enjoyed reading the literature review and the overall flow was easy to follow. The methodology is clear and described well enough. The data collected seemed well explained and good quality, including the mention of cleaning and G*Power. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and stem from observed results. Limitations are well stated. I thought the contrast with CIT was helpful as well. The title and abstract work are nice.

Major Revisions
none

Minor essential revisions
1. On page 6, it appears that two references were added but that the numbers for the following references were not changed. More specifically, 25 & 26 were added but then on page 8 Taylor & Dear (25) remains. the reference numbering needs to shift.
2. Intervention group follow-up assessment on page 12. A repeated measures ANOVA would be a better analysis to do along with post-hocs.
3. page 7: "Two lectures by people with lived experience...". Can you clarify what they talked about? Did they talk about their personal struggle, recovery, resilience, empowerment, goal attainment? Did they have a call to action or behavior change suggested to the audience?

Discretionary Revisions
1. There are a few places where extra words appear which a quick re-read is sufficient to catch for grammar and conciseness. Page 3: "drop of and". 4: "a first reason is that". page 4: "studies performed, highlights". page 6: mental illness post the intervention. page 7: pre-post (for) the intervention. page 7: "Hjärnkoll, an integrated.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
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