Reviewer’s report

Title: The evaluation of a nationwide training program in smoking cessation and the trainees’ adherence to a practice guideline

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This revised manuscript has been improved considerably. Some points remain:

Major Compulsory revision:
I still believe that the authors should discuss the reach of the training (1 in 6 physicians received the training in a two year period). From the authors' reply I understand now that these were not only family physicians but also specialists, eye doctors etc, etc. So: were participation rates different for different types of doctors? These details should be provided.
Moreover: to what extent do these results meet previously stated (governmental) targets with respect to reach? What were the targets? In other words: are this disappointing results or are they as was expected?? Please add this to the discussion section.

Minor essential revisions:

Discretionary revisions:
The title of Table 6 should reflect that this table presents mean scores + SD.
Please include the exact wording of the items that were used to measure adherence.

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

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