Reviewer's report

Title: A comparison of three parenting programmes for parents of children with behavioural difficulties when implemented in a large scale effectiveness study in community settings: The Parenting Early Intervention Pathfinder (PEIP)

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I am concerned about a methodological question: in the analysis, SFSC revealed lower efficacy in almost all the evaluated parameters. Than, in page 14, authors explained that this results should be due to the aims and content of the program which are much more broader than the other two programs. If the SFSC has different aims, why to compare it with the other two that have the same aim?

Discretionary Revisions
1. I recommend to briefly explain what kind of activities are done during the intervention process (page 7);

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.