Reviewer’s report

Title: The Impact of an Employee Wellness Programme in Clothing/Textile Manufacturing Companies: A randomised controlled trial

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Abstract

1. In the methods section, spell out EQ-5D;
2. Combine “Aims” with “Introduction”; 
3. Combine “data analysis” with “methods”; 
4. Describe the statistical analysis in the same way as in the main article;
5. What about the test results on comparison between the two groups? Are the results significantly different?

Introduction

1. Any similar studies have been done in Africa?
2. State the objectives clearly as the last paragraph.

Methodology

1. Instead of “methodology”, authors might want to use the more traditional word “methods”; change other headings related to methodology such as “participants”, “instrumentation” as subheadings; instead of “participants”, the authors might want to use “study design and subject recruitment”;
2. How were the 3 factories selected? How were the worker numbers of 40 and 30 determined? What randomization method was used? Was the number 70/90 for subject the number for each group or for both groups; why then 30 for each group was used?
3. Add “for outcome measurement” after “Instrumentation”.
4. The Employee Wellness Program (EWP) should be described under a separate subheading before the “Outcome measurement”.

Results

1. A paragraph is needed to describe Table 1;
2. Please refer to Table 3 in the results for “Exercise behavior scale”;
3. Please also refer to Table 4 in the text.

Discussion
1. Page 7, Paragraph 3, Line 8: provide the author name of reference 25;
2. Page 9, Paragraph 3, Line 1: this significant reduction should also be mentioned in the results.

References

Need some editing and consistency. Need to follow the BMC Public Health style.