Reviewer’s report

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In general, it seems the authors made many necessary revisions. However, I still have a few comments/suggestions as noted below.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. The manuscript’s language is improved, but might be worth having another English speaker edit it as there are still language and grammatical errors. Also, please don’t use the abbreviation “b/c” in the Recommendations section.

2. There is still inconsistency when using the terms “substance use” versus “substance abuse,” and this is seen throughout the manuscript, especially in the abstract and introduction.

3. There are still unnecessary statistics in the discussion section (sd, AOR, CI). These are not needed even when describing results of other studies.

4. Although the manuscript has been shortened, it still reads long and could be even further streamlined. It would be helpful to get to the main points quicker, especially in the results and discussion questions.

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