Reviewer's report

Title: Development and evaluation of an intervention aiming to reduce fatigue in airline pilots. Design of a randomised controlled trial.

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Reviewer: David Powell

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Page 4 Para 2 I believe "dosed" should be "dozed"
2. Page 4 Para 3 I believe "restrain" should be "avoidance"
3. Page 4 Para 4 I believe "advices" should be "advice" (also repeated on page 6, 9, 10 and 16) and accordingly "differ" should become "differs"
4. Some mention of caffeine and medication should be made.

Discretionary revisions:

1. Page 8 if there were ten focus groups and 30 people, then doesn't this mean that rather than "a minimum of 3" in each group, there must have been exactly 3 in each group?
2. The website link in the text clearly displays the name of the airline involved; whilst this is reasonably obvious, it may not be desired to make it this explicit.
3. Page 17 the discussion might also refer explicitly to the potential for greater Hawthorne Effect amongst the intervention group as a result of being intensively studied.

Thanks for this interesting paper.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests