Reviewer’s report

Title: Motivational interview interactions and the primary health care challenges presented by smokers with low motivation to stop smoking: a conversation analysis

Version: 3
Date: 21 October 2014

Reviewer: Delwyn Catley

Reviewer’s report:

The authors have been responsive to the feedback provided. Suggestions for minor wording/grammatical corrections and clarifications are provided below.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

Abstract:
1) First sentence of results should be “sessions” (plural)
2) Last sentence of results should be “Motivational Interviewing”

Introduction:
1) 3rd paragraph delete “The” from “The MI”. Search and replace “the MI” with “MI” throughout the document.
2) 3rd paragraph change “the Motivational Interview” to “MI”
3) 3rd paragraph change “identifying sequences” to “that identifies sequences”
4) 6th paragraph change “…published that examine patient-health professional interactions using CA to deliver bad news [28] and offer advice on lifestyle changes [29]…” to “….published that uses CA to examine patient-health professional interactions to deliver bad news [28] and offer advice on lifestyle changes [29]…”
5) 11th paragraph, clarify: “must be identified as MI sessions”. Presumably “must/can be identified within MI sessions”?
6) 11th paragraph clarify “make motivation more difficult”. Presumably “make motivating the patient more difficult”?

Method
7) 2nd paragraph change “..their office MI and..” to “…their office MI sessions and…”

Results
8) 1st paragraph change “…the motivational interview” to “the motivational interviewing sessions”

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS
9) First paragraph after extract 1: The authors state the professional “uses an affirmation, in the form of an open-ended question”. In traditional MI coding the
statement would be coded as a reflection followed by an affirmation (there is no question asked on line 5).

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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.