Reviewer’s report

Title: Solution-focused intervention for sick listed employees with psychological problems or muscle skeletal pain: a randomised controlled trial

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General
I was not happy to find out that this study was identical to the one already published, without mentioning it.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
In my opinion the authors should elaborate the improvements made and the lessons learnt from the previous study in the discussion. For example, at page 14 it is stated that it was difficult to include enough participants and that is why the population is quite heterogenous. This is something that they knew from their previous study.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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