Reviewer's report

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General

In the context of the current existing literature regarding tabletop exercises and their effectiveness, this manuscript represents a positive contribution to the field. A credible attempt to address concerns raised by the reviewers has been made and acceptance of the manuscript is recommended. The authors should be commended on their efforts and in future studies should strive to directly address the methodological challenges and limitations identified in this work.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.