Reviewer's report

Title: Development and evaluation of a leadership training program for public health emergency response: results from a Chinese study

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Several areas are unclear. The manuscript did not include the number of hours of the training and scheduling. Was the training consecutive days? Also on page 12 lines 6 and 9 a project is mentioned. Was the completion of a project part of the training? The first two sentence under "Data analysis" (page 8) are unclear. It is unclear if number 3 under "Aims and objectives" was ever completed. The manuscript does not speak to this issue. On page 9 under "Knowledge Levels", the last sentence is unclear. What is the point of the information in that sentence? The entire "Discussion" section stating on page 11 needs to be re-written more clearly

2. The whole manuscript needs to be extensively edited for style including syntax and convention including grammar and usage.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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