Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
1. The phrase "skills of self-assessment" needs to be changed to "self-assessment of skills", throughout the manuscript.
2. Page 3, line 3: "public health provide" should be changed to "public health provides".
3. Page 5: "Two participants did not complete their training because of unrelated to the training..." should be changed to "Two participants did not complete their training for reasons unrelated to the training..."
4. P.10: "Some leaders then participating in the emergency preparedness training from the Anhui and Hunan were involved firsthand in the outbreak response, which included the organization, management, operations of emergency response, et al."
Remove "et al" from the sentence, and either replace with "etc.", or change end of sentence to "and operations of emergency response".

Discretionary Revisions
On p. 8, the authors note: "....but emergency analytic/assessment knowledge scores were dramatically increased in the follow-up test compared with that of the post-test (P<0.05)." This is an interesting finding, and could be briefly mentioned in the discussion along with potential explanations.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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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.