Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Providing Competency-Based Family Medicine Residency Training in Substance Abuse in the New Millennium: A Model Curriculum

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Authors of the manuscript are describing Family Medicine residency training in substance abuse curriculum. Authors have stated the objectives of this paper clearly. The methods are appropriate.

Minor Essential Revisions.

Readers from other than US countries would need hyperlinked list of abbreviations for comfortable reading of the paper.

Major Compulsory Revisions.

One of the crucial for this paper methods is “An extensive literature search”. (p. 4, Methods) Accurate presentation of search strategies and more precise presentation of search results in all investigated fields increase reliability of the review (giving also opportunity for presenting methodological limitations of the work).

Authors give no details about costs estimation methods and sources. (p. 25, Costs)

Discretionary Revisions.

Inconsistency in tables format. Dots use in table III.

Limitations/barriers of the curriculum implementation are stated clearly.

The title and abstract clearly convey the results.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to read and review this very interesting manuscript.

**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.