Reviewer's report

Title: A Family Day Program Enhances Knowledge About Medical School Culture and Necessary Supports

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Reviewer: John Marley

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General

This is an important topic. As the introduction states, there is considerable psychological morbidity among medical students. Entering medical school has been described as joining a dysfunctional family.

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

I cannot find absolute numbers of participants and these are essential to make sense of the large number of percentages quoted. Where possible confidence intervals should be provided around claims of significance to aid in the assessment of whether they are meaningful or not.

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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

A key question is whether this program contributes to long term healthier outcomes and a future study that randomised participants to the study or not would be interesting.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None