Reviewer's report

Title: Attitudes towards 12-step groups and referral practices in a treatment culture unfamiliar to 12-step ideology; a survey study

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A discretionary revision would be to address the availability of TSG meetings in the geographic area of the respondent. The paper does a lovely job of showing the relationship between working in a region that has a 12-step oriented treatment program and referral practices. I am wondering whether it also might be the case that there are not many meetings available in the areas where providers have low referral rates. You may not have these data available, I realize; hence, this is only a discretionary revision.

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

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.