Reviewer's report

Title: Developing a Health and Human Rights training program for French speaking Africa: lessons learned, from needs assessment to a pilot program.

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

The difference in the proportion of respondents who participated in the needs assessment versus those in the pilot program is quite big. Is this by deliberate design or is it a methodological limitation? Do you think it affect our analysis of results and therefore the conclusions?

The manuscript is good but the following areas need to be addressed before publication:

The conclusion is rather generic and does not appear to be derived from the objectives and results of the study. The introduction, methodology and results are fairly focused in relation to the title but as we move towards the discussion and conclusion the citation becomes rather generic.

It is clear that the authors used a mixture of qualitative and quantitative approach; there is very little illustration of the results using statistics despite a high response rate in the needs assessment part as cited by the authors. I recommend that this area is revisited and the generated results appropriately applied including secondary and tertiary analysis of variables where applicable.

- Minor Essential Revisions

The author can be trusted to make these. For example, missing labels on figures, the wrong use of a term, spelling mistakes.

• Page 2 under methods first sentence, I suppose the authors wanted to say review instead of revue

• Page 5 number 4 third sentence from the top, the authors probably wanted to say in line and not in fine….. The sentence is generally confusing.

- Discretionary Revisions

These are recommendations for improvement which the author can choose to ignore. For example clarifications, data that would be useful but not essential.
The former UN special rapporteur on the right to health, Paul Hunt made several reports to the UN Human rights commission and in one of them he made a specific recommendation on integrating health and human rights training in the health professionals’ curriculum. You might want to refer.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.