Reviewer's report

**Title:** Translating clinical training into practice in complex mental health systems: toward opening the “Black Box” of implementation

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General:
The revised paper has really improved a lot, more logically structured and well-written.

Discretionary revisions:

1. page 13, last sentence first paragraph ".....to extent that it promoted successful implementation was likely to have been quite cost-effective" This is authors' assumption, not based on evidence. I would prefer the addition "but should be investigated in future research" or "whether or not external facilitations is cost-effective will be investigated in the third intervention"

2. The authors wrote ".....intended to change clinical practice should employ a multilevel approach if patients are to truly benefit from new skills gained by clinicians". (page 1, Abstract, summary). I miss reflection on this in the discussion. Do the authors' also measure patient outcomes, whilst evaluating the third intervention? Implementation research preferable included both clinical/patient outcomes and process of care outcomes and factors (facilitators and barriers) determining the succes of the intervention. See amongst others different papers written by Grol R. et al.

**What next?:** Accept after discretionary revisions

**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.