Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing and improving organizational readiness to implement substance use disorder treatment in primary care: Findings from the SUMMIT study

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Reviewer: Robert Hoffman

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A well designed performed and written study.

The issues of designing and implementing adding new services in primary care as well as the importance of treating addiction in a primary care setting are important and interesting.

However the article needs to revised to fit the results found.

In addition a number of changes in the discussion should be expanded upon.

1. Line 13-18 page 6: Unclear how SUD is found more in primary care patients than in the general population?

Primary care population is representative of the local population.

2. In the discussion regarding "barriers" to implementing SUD treatment in primary care the number one barrier - lack of manpower/ time is not mentioned.

The work burden, burnout, and increasing patient demands are at the core of primary care. GPs currently must deal with 15% additional non direct patient care, and are unable to add additional tasks. It is not reasonable not to discuss this in barriers to implementing additional services.

3. In the description of the work process- the term iteration is used repeatedly. As this is a term from the field of computer programming, and I assume that a non computer based iteration is referred to, please elaborate on how this was performed.

4. The results show that after major efforts at planning and training the clinics staff, the physicians did not feel this program feasible nor would they be willing to use this treatment program. The authors misstate this.

5. The conclusion on page 22 that "this study provides support for conducting organizational readiness interventions to prepare primary care staff" is not what was found!

The results of this study are important but must be presented correctly, even if the "experiment" failed.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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