Reviewer’s report

Title: Are German family practitioners and psychiatrists sufficiently trained to diagnose and treat patients with alcohol problems?

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Reviewer: Bozena Mroczek

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Congratulation to authors for the subject selection for analysis. The alcohol abuse problem concern citizens of most countries, not only in Europe, and the social and health price is extensive. The authors indicated the insufficient competencies of family practitioners and psychiatrists in diagnosing and treatment of patients with alcohol problems.

Abstract:

According to IMRD structure, the abstract should have a part "Decision" (conclusions), unlike it was presented in the abstract as "Discussion.

Table 1 requires diligent check of numerical and % data, for example: category medical speciality:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Medical speciality</th>
<th>Count (Percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Family practitioner</td>
<td>845 (90.3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Psychiatrist</td>
<td>91 (9.7)</td>
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</table>

The sum without missing - 936

The authors didn't separate the section "Conclusion". According to reviewer, the last sentence in the discussion can be used as a conclusion:

In conclusion, the quality and quantity of the education and training of physicians regarding alcohol dependency should be increased to improve physicians' ability to competent and result-oriented care for a large group of patients with alcohol problems in the primary care setting.
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