Reviewer’s report

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

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The novelty value of the text, which is rather low: the conclusions regarding need for training doctors in dealing with addiction and the fact that training increases doctors' self-confidence are obvious and replicate already existing knowledge.

Nevertheless, the article contains a specific piece of data concerning the amount of training that seems to make a substantial difference, namely, the fact that doctors whose training was ten hours or more felt substantially more confident. This is an aspect of the article that should perhaps be presented and emphasized in the conclusions section as well. The article does not contain a separate section for conclusions, and while that is not unacceptable, at least expanding the existing conclusions paragraph would be advisable.

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