Reviewer's report

Title: Testing a novel, computerized screening and brief intervention for alcohol and sweetened beverage use in pregnancy

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Reviewer: Tatiana Balachova

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This is a well written manuscript. The study evaluates feasibility of a computerized screening and brief intervention (SBI) program that addressed use of alcohol and sugar sweetened beverages (SSB) among pregnant women. SBIs have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing alcohol use during pregnancy. Developing computerized SBI programs is timely and research is needed to identify its effectiveness. Addressing use of sweet beverages in SBI is novel and authors have described the need in such interventions. The study research questions are well defined and methods are appropriate. Background section is very brief. Including a brief overview of other computerized studies aimed at reducing alcohol use during pregnancy and providing data of the extent of SSB use during pregnancy would strengthen the background section. Data collection procedure is well defined and appropriate. Limitations are also stated acceptably. The title and abstract seem to convey the author's message.

Although some improvements are suggested and language editing/proofreading of the manuscript is necessary, these considered to be Minor revisions. The revisions are minor, but essential and would help to improve the quality of the manuscript. There are many places with repeated words, omitted commas, decimal places, inconsistencies in paragraphs, etc. These corrections would not require substantial efforts.

Comments in regard to specific sections are included as an attachment. It is necessary that authors review and address the attached detailed comments prior to submitting a revised manuscript for publishing.

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.