Reviewer's report

Title: Training hospital managers for strategic planning and management: a prospective study

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Reviewer: Johanna Lammintakanen

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The manuscript is topical and interesting. In general, the manuscript is well written and coherent.

Minor essential revisions:

1) Aim of the study is different in abstract, in rows 136-140 and in the beginning of the discussion.
2) You describe the Kirkpatrick model in introduction. How the model is utilized in your study?
3) Rows 225-227, did the reviewers read all the SWOTs and Plans? Please clarify
4) The discussion section could include also a separate section for validity issues related to your study.
5) The lessons learnt from Serbia are well described, but what is your study’s contribution to international audience (= what others can learn from Serbia case) and what existing body of knowledge your study increases?

Discretionary revisions:

6) The evaluation was performed by external reviewers. Did you consider combining these to self-evaluation by the multidisciplinary teams?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.