Reviewer’s report

Title: Offering Mental health first aid to a person with depression: A Delphi study to re-develop the guidelines published in 2008

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This is a useful and well-written manuscript, and the authors provide a clear rationale for the re-evaluation of the guidelines. The only suggestions I have are perhaps to spend a bit more time in the discussion talking about the implications for having so many more items in the guidelines (if I'm reading correctly, from 64 in 2008 to 183 in 2018). For example, could the additional nuance pose any complication to the training process? Will training be anticipated to need updated content requiring greater length of programming for those organizations that conduct MHFA? I was simply struck by such a large increase in content, which seems like an advance on one hand, but a challenge on the other. I would like to hear the authors' thoughts about this.

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