Reviewer’s report

Title: A Feasibility Study of an Intervention for Structured Preparation before Detoxification in Alcohol Dependence: the SPADe trial protocol.

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Overall, this is an important and well-written manuscript. I was very glad to see that the authors emphasized the potential adverse effects of detoxification and considered those in the background section of their manuscript.

The Background section focuses rather heavily on the UK, and could benefit from a few sources from other countries.

The newly developed ICT is not described, and the description of the construct that it measures does not correspond completely with what I was able to find in the literature. The authors focus on the conflict between the intention to drink and the intention to abstain, whereas Sebold et al describes the construct in slightly different terms. This should ideally be clarified.

The inclusion criteria do not state that patients should be unable to stop on their own. In my experience, some people will seek treatment to gain a support system for abstinence, although they are able to stop on their own and do not require detoxification. This could be considered as an exclusion criterion for a preparation treatment for detoxification.

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