Reviewer’s report

Title: A method for co-creation of an evidence-based patient workbook to address alcohol use when quitting smoking in primary care: A case study.

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Comments

Overall an interesting article and one that could provide some valuable insight in how to engage patients to jointly create resources to enable them to stop or reduce drinking. It is also possible to see that this could be used in other scenarios as patient participation is valuable.

Method - can a note be added that they participants are also trying to give up smoking and are currently taking part in the STOP programme.

Line 79 - should participant be singular or plural?

Lines 78-80 - can the text be made a clearer, it is a bit ambiguous as to who could be part of the programme

The rationale behind including those whose alcohol consumption was only one drink in the last year rather than so many units per week or month - can this be explained as quite a lot of people could be included who are not part of the actual target group i.e. those who drink at hazardous levels as defined by Audit-C or if this is not the target group can this be clarified in the text

The participants section (line 89) could include the actual numbers of the people in the event e.g. 79% (11 people) reported drinking alcohol. Could there also be an ethnic group breakdown included?

What is the Audit-C screening tool - could a very brief description be included here?

Procedure (line 97) should there be a brief description of the researchers' suitability for the workshop?

Results - were there any differences noted by participants for those from different life stages e.g. new parents or soon to be parents giving up smoking or those who have just retired. Also, were there any differences in how different ethnic groups would use the resource?

Was the final resource that is now being used with patients on the COMBAT programme piloted or tested with anyone that took part in the workshop?
Would it be possible to show some of the findings as a chart - for example the health information as a 'visually appealing graphic' (line 207).

It would also be good if the final resources was available to see with the article - even just a link to it - it is mentioned in the text that it is included (line 213) but it is not possible to see it as part of the review.

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