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This manuscript is important because it documents innovative workshop formats that integrate Self Psychology, Interpersonal Neurobiology, and Social Work concepts to deepen understanding of the 12 Steps. It contributes to clinical education, treatment planning, and reflective practice by showing how core beliefs, neurobiological patterns, and developmental processes intersect in recovery work.

An alternative title could be: 'Integrating Neurobiology, Self Psychology, and Social Work Concepts in Understanding the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.'

The abstract clearly summarizes the workshop context, theoretical integration, and clinical relevance.

The manuscript is well structured. The introduction, theoretical foundations, workshop descriptions, and concluding reflections are thorough and logically sequenced. Figures and charts complement the narrative effectively.

References are extensive, relevant, and draw appropriately from neurobiology, Self Psychology, social work theory, and recovery literature.

The manuscript reports workshop experiences and does not involve human subjects in the research.

The Introduction section needs to fully explain the purpose of the report clearly, identify the gap in knowledge, and explain why these workshops matter to the field - In the Methods section, including a paragraph that adds a clearer description of the workshop structure, how content was selected, how discussions were analyzed or summarized would suffice. - Improve Transitions from one concept to another by adding short linking sentences such as: "Building on the neurobiological perspective above..." - Add captions to your figures and ensure each figure is cited in-text with a brief explanation of why it matters. - Clean the APA citations and ensure every in-text reference appears in the reference list without missing dates. - Summarize your Conclusion - the value of the workshop format, the theoretical integration, implications for practice, training, and future workshops.

Strong integration of multiple theories; clear workshop descriptions; excellent relevance for clinical social work education.