Reviewer’s report

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

In the "Background" discussion, especially with regard to stating that "the sample of Delphi panel participants was small (n=23)," I would suggest a more rigorous literature review of the use of the Delphi technique. I am confident this search would yield many studies using the Delphi to help establish evidence that the sample in this study (n=23) is, in fact, not small by Delphi technique standards. Inclusion of this review would provide additional support for the authors’ perspective on the use of a small number of experts in a Delphi panel.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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I declare that I have no competing interests.