Reviewer's report

Title: Factors influencing the adoption, implementation, and continuation of physical activity interventions in primary health care: a Delphi study

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Reviewer: Siw Carlfjord

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I find this a well written, interesting and relevant paper. However, there are some details that need revision.

Discretionary revisions

1. In my opinion, the heading “Data analyses” should be changed to ”Data analysis”.

2. In introduction, the first sentence in the 6th paragraph: “The present study concerns a Delphi study…” I suggest you rewrite the sentence to avoid repeating the word study. Suggestion: “The present paper describes a Delphi study…”

Major compulsory revisions

Abstract:

The background contains only the aim, and gives no rationale for the study. Please provide some information about why this study is important in your abstract.

Methods:

a/ The three stages, adoption, implementation and continuation are not defined in the paper. They are concepts that can be interpreted in various ways, and there is a lack of consensus among researchers in the area. You do refer to Grol et al and Fixsen et al, but as the three stages form an important part in both Methods and Discussion, I suggest that you provide a definition regarding each of the three stages.

b/ How do you define the concept “expert”? As you describe it, being a participant in the previous study is enough to be considered an expert in this area. I suggest you give more details about this. If your participants do not have “expertise knowledge”, please elaborate on this in the discussion.

Discussion:

Your study participants form a quite heterogeneous group, including for example researchers, policy makers and PHC professionals. Were there any differences between the groups? I understand that the small number of participants in each sub-group does not allow statistical analysis, but you could give descriptive data, and you could elaborate on this in your discussion.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests