Reviewer’s report

Title: Perceptions and Use of the National Kidney Foundation KDOQI Guidelines: A Survey of U.S. Renal Healthcare Providers

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I have read with attention the response of the authors about the comments made on their manuscript entitled “Perceptions and use of the National Kidney Foundation KDOQI guidelines: a survey of US renal healthcare providers”. I have noted the changes made, especially about the problem of the generalizability of their findings and I believe that the limitations of the study are now properly acknowledged. I have noted the others modifications as well. In my opinion, the manuscript is now suitable for publication. However, I think it can be still slightly improved by clarifying the following points (minor revisions):

Page 9, line 20: “… followed distantly by lack of quick resource”. According to figure 2 and unlike stated in the text, the second common barriers perceived by physicians is not the lack of quick resource but “guidelines not applicable to patients” with roughly 13% of the respondents physicians.

Page 10, line 11: the p value when comparing the proportion of renal care providers and health professionals not aware of the clinical action plans is 0.04 in the text but 0.05 in the Figure 3. Moreover, about statistics, it is not stated in the manuscript the level below which the type I error risk is considered acceptable, even if it seems obvious for much of the readers that 5% is the aforementioned level.

Page 11, line 6: two differences between renal care providers and health professionals about suggested tools to improve use of guidelines in patients care (specific materials for non-physician care providers and patient education materials) are not visible on the Figure 3.

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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