Reviewer’s report

Title: Development of a questionnaire to assess practitioners' confidence and competence in managing chronic kidney disease

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Reviewer: Stephen Sozio

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The authors submit a revised manuscript describing their survey assessing confidence and competence in management of CKD. The survey has the potential to serve as a tool to assess one’s self-perceived knowledge, and allow follow-up after particular interventions.

The authors have responded to my primary concerns.

Several additional concerns exist:

Minor:

1) I appreciate the correlation matrix of each question. However, this should be organized by question number in their survey (ie hypertension questions grouped together, etc.)

2) The editing has improved the manuscript but there are still several items that need to be addressed. Please review the manuscript again for editing. Among the ones I saw:
   a. Abstract: “; the online surveys to test it” is not a full sentence.
   b. Introduction: “; involves risk stratification using primary care data” is not a full sentence.
   c. Introduction: references should be ordered in appearance. [33] - [35] should be changed accordingly. [Error! Bookmark not defined] needs to be defined.
   d. Introduction: Line 11. QICKD should be written out here rather than later in the paragraph.
   e. P5: what is NICE?
   f. P5, line 19: change “flipchart notes captured” to “flipchart notes capturing”
   g. Results: Should be “There were 54 valid questionnaires…, with all but two questions having SYMMETRY.”

Discretionary:

3) Along the same lines as minor revision 1 about the correlation matrix, the authors should consider factor analysis as a means of assessing whether similar items group together. This would make their manuscript stronger.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
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