Reviewer's report

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

Version: 2 Date: 22 July 2013

Reviewer: Stephen Sozio

Reviewer's report:

The authors submit a revised manuscript describing their survey assessing confidence and knowledge in management of CKD.

The authors have responded to many of my concerns, including updating the correlation matrix. As I review this manuscript again, I notice the following concerns:

Major:

1) The authors report that 57 surveys were returned (in text and figures 1 and 2), but table 2 and 3 each have 60 people. Why is there this discrepancy? What is the correct number of participants? I apologize for not noting this detail in earlier versions.

2) Similar to above, the text states there were 27 GPs who returned the survey, but table 1 has 31 GPs. Again, please review the discrepancy.

Minor:

3) I would strongly suggest using a bibliographic program such as Endnote, Refworks, or Reference Manager. Many of the prior issues noted in the last review were resolved, but there are at least 10 citation numbers throughout the manuscript which are placed as text without superscript. In addition, the format of the references at the end of the manuscript is not consistent, including lacking journal and page numbers on reference 4 29, and 33 among other issues.

Discretionary:

4) 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: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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