Reviewer’s report

Title: Development of a questionnaire to evaluate primary care practitioners’ confidence and knowledge in managing chronic kidney disease.

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I read the resubmission by Dr. Tahir on “Development of a questionnaire to evaluate primary care practitioners’ confidence and knowledge in managing chronic kidney disease.” The authors have responded to the majority of my comments. However, several concerns still remain:

Minor:
Comment 1: On page 10 and figure 2, the authors refer to 54 completions of the second round of questionnaires. However, table 1’s total only states 53 (67.9%) rather than 54 (69.2%) and table 3 and 4 only have 51-53 paired responses. I do not see 54 paired responses reflected anywhere else in the manuscript, so I wonder whether the number is 53 or 54. I request that the authors review all of their sample sizes against their original data collection for accuracy.

Comment 2: On previous submissions, I was able to open the table. I was not able to open it on this version.

Comment 3: The references have improved, but still need to be fixed in several places. The doi: …. portion in references 8, 11, 15, 29, and 33 needs to be removed. Please review all the references for appropriate formatting for the journal.

Discretionary:
Comment 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 whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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