Reviewer’s report

Title: Intervention mapping for development of an implementation strategy for the insurance medicine guideline on depression

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Comments:
It was not familiar with the technique of ‘intervention mapping’, and read the article with great interest. The presented ‘intervention mapping’ method seems a well-structured tool to develop implementation strategies for guidelines; it’s use may prevent practical problems frequently noticed in top-down implemented strategies.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes
3. Are the data sound? Yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes
9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes

Revisions:
Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore):

1. Background: Having a depression… on sick leave(4): please add a gap between sick leave and (4)
2. Methods: This figure shows a modification of the original IM process by Bartholomew. I wondered who made the modification, what the reason for modification was, and in what way the original IM and the current presented IM differs
3. Methods. Step 3: We used the ASE model, a model...It is the first time you use the ASE abbreviation in the text, please explain this abbreviation to the reader.
4. Methods: Step 4: … for which we used the saturation procedure and Grounded Theory. Please explain this procedure and theory.

5. References: (16): please use same letter front as other references

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare I have no competing interests