Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Martin Dawes

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This is a well balance and logical article that takes the problem of assessing EBP competence and discusses the two tools available and this then leads to implications for further work.

1. Does the debate present a novel argument, or a novel insight into existing work?
   Yes: it is a good, up to date summary of where we are.
   Much improved

2. Does the debate address an important problem of interest to a broad biomedical audience?
   Yes – I am biased but this is very important

3. Is the piece well argued and referenced?
   Yes –
   Major Revision
   None

4. Has the author used logical arguments and sound reasoning?
   Yes – very well reasoned

5. Is the piece written well enough for publication? Yes – author has good literacy skills.

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 that I have no competing interests