Reviewer's report

Title: Reasons behind non-adherence of healthcare practitioners to pediatric asthma guidelines in an emergency department in Saudi Arabia

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Reviewer: Ann McKillop

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Thanks you for the opportunity to further review this article.

Major Compulsory Revisions in relation to comments made by Dr Ann McKillop:
1. The third comment in my first review regarding details about the interviews has not been fully addressed. Details about the interviewer are not provided nor is the length of time for interviews or the questions asked.
2. The quotes provided on pg 12 in relation to theme entitled "Lack of clear development..." are not representative of that theme and seem far more indicative of the theme entitled "Lack of awareness..". The quotes used need to illustrate the logic used for assigning data to themes and for this theme the quotes seem out of kilter.

Minor essential revisions
1. The comment I made as No.7 has not been fully addressed. In relation to the first recommendation of the PAMP guideline in which the severity of asthma is referred to as mild, moderate or severe, there is no detail of how this judgement would be made. Maybe there are no further criteria but if not the reader needs to know that this is a particular fault of PAMP.
2. In relation to my eighth comment regarding the statement on page 7 that "Data collected included the number of healthcare providers complying with the following eight recommendations which were considered as frequently encountered evidence-practice gaps in the management of acute BA in children", this is still ambiguous. I can't work out who "frequently encountered evidence-practice gaps". This sentence still needs clarification.

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

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 have no conflicts of interest.