Reviewer's report

Title: Barriers and facilitators to implementation of clinical practice guidelines: A cross-sectional survey

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This is a study in an important area of research, barriers and facilitators to implementation of clinical practice guidelines.

The aim of the study is clearly defined and the methods well described and appropriate. The manuscript is well written and easy to follow.

Major revisions

One major problem is the selection of the study sample, physicians that have attended educational courses. Most likely this is a selection of physicians who are more open to new knowledge. How representative are they compared to the 90% that did not participate or were not selected? A description of the differences- age, work setting etc. would be informative. At least this needs to be stated in the limitations.

As the authors point out there were differences in the barriers and facilitators between general practitioners and hospital based physicians. A table showing differences between different settings would be an improvement. Most likely different settings need to be approached differentially when implementing guidelines.

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 interest