Author's response to reviews

Title: Can surveying practitioners about their practices help identify priority clinical practice guideline topics?

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PDF covering letter
Thank you for the thoughtful feedback from the reviewers. We have revised the manuscript with the following modifications:

1. The title was changed to “Can surveying practitioners about their practices help identify priority clinical practice guideline topics?”

2. The ‘Participants’ section of the Methods section was revised to include more detail about the database from which the practitioners were selected.

3. In the ‘Procedures’ section of the Methods section, a reference was added to support the ‘Dillman technique’.

4. The ‘Survey’ section of the Methods section was revised to include the complete clinical scenarios and the possible answer choices as they appeared on the survey.

5. The ‘Description of the participant sample’ section of the Results section was revised to include more details about the respondents.

6. In the Discussion section, two references were added to support the supposition that self-reporting overestimates actual performance.

7. A statement regarding ‘response bias’ was added to the Discussion.

8. A paragraph describing the ability of the survey to identify variation in practice and focus the guideline on the variations was included in the Discussion.

9. A statement regarding whether or not the practitioners who volunteered to review the guideline, will actually review the guideline was included in the Discussion.

10 Possible areas for improvement for future surveys were added to in the Discussion.

Thank you again for your comments, your feedback is appreciated.