Reviewer's report

Title: Discussion and Consensus regarding the GRADE proposal for grading Clinical Practice Guideline recommendations: Report on a qualitative study.

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Reviewer: Ricardo Pietrobon

Reviewer’s report:

General

Excellent article that provides an important contribution to the field.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1. English should be reviewed to make sentences flow better and make the article easier to follow.

2. did you obtain informed consent from participants? if so, please state it in the methods section

3. second paragraph of page 5 - the justification of a qualitative design is repeated here. Please delete it

4. did the participants review the English translation of their quoted sentences to make sure they accurately reflect their original statements? if yes, please state it. if not, please state what has been done to ensure the accuracy of these statements

5. there is an overwhelming number of quotes in the paper, which makes it too long. please leave only the most essential ones

6. first paragraph of your discussion should state your main findings

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Abstract - define CPG before citing it

2. Abstract - not sure what is meant by the word approchement

3. rather than saying “our country”, state the name of your country

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests