Author's response to reviews

Title: Developing evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in hospitals in Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand: values, requirements and barriers

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Re: MS: 1841644560277080

Response to Reviewer Comments:
Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the second round of reviewers’ comments.

Reviewer #1:
Thank you for taking the time to review this paper, I appreciate your time and advice. Your feedback has been encouraging and has substantially improved the paper.

Reviewer #2:
Thank you for your detailed review and thoughtful suggestions for improving this paper. I appreciate your time and expertise.

Major compulsory revisions:
1. The use of quotes in discussion and conclusions introduces new results and does not follow the standards for scientific writing. These should be removed. Discussion and conclusions should be in the authors’ own words and show the level to which the author understands their subject matter.

I have removed the quotes from the Discussion and Conclusion.

Minor essential revisions:
2. The use of partial quotes in the body of the results makes the manuscript very difficult to read and is disjointed. Ideally all quotes should be referenced. The occasional use of partial quotes would be acceptable, but in this case is overused and does not show that a higher order of thematic analysis has taken place, which is critical for qualitative research.

I have removed the partial quotes.

3. There is still no mention of when data saturation was achieved in the manuscript. Please make a note of this.

Sorry – my oversight. I have added a sentence to the first paragraph in the Results.

Discretionary revisions
4. There seems to be an over representation of quotes from Australian participants, who had the smallest representation of participants compared to other countries.

Thank you for noting this issue, which has been a challenge. It arises because English is not the first language for many of the participants from countries other than Australia, and in many cases we used translators. As a result the quotes from non-Australian participants were sometimes a little disjointed or captured ideas in a less concise way. Perhaps unfortunately, this means more quotes from Australians have been used, however the quotes from Australian participants are representative of the views expressed by participants from other countries, except where noted in the text.

5. All quotes should be within quotation marks “ “.

I have enclosed all quotes within quotation marks.