Reviewer's report

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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This revision is a vast improvement on the original draft.

Major compulsory revisions:

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.

Minor essential revisions:

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.

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

Discretionary revisions:

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

All quotes should be within quotation marks “ “.

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 that I have no competing interests'