Reviewer's report

Title: Improving the Use of Research Evidence in Guideline Development: 13. Adaptation, applicability and transferability

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General

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

Page 16, please change complete paragraph at the top of the page as follows:

The other approach has been developed by the international working group ADAPTE [22] and partly overlaps with the PGEAC approach. Recently the groups developing both adaptation approaches merged with the purpose of developing a generic manual on guideline adaptation. The manual will shortly undergo pilot testing. The group is calling itself the ADAPTE group (www.adapt.org). Whatever adaptation process is chosen the process should be made explicit, undergo review by peers, and involve consumers, policymakers and other stakeholders who may provide input about policy guidance.


[please note that the number of references should be reordered]

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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)

Page 7 below: replace 'instrument of the AGREE Collaboration' in 'AGREE Instrument' as the AGREE Collaboration does not exist anymore. The copyright of the instrument is with the AGREE Research Trust (see www.agreetrust.org)

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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: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.