Reviewer’s report

Title: Prioritization strategies in clinical practice guidelines development: a pilot study

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Reviewer: Antonio Garcia-Romero

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I think the piece can be published in HARPS. Congratulations! However, I suggest several minor essential revisions.

Minor Essential revisions

1) The author CARDONA, AF have changed his affiliation.
2) P.4 Introduction, last paragraph. "We used a scientifically sound method" should be changed by more modest expression.
3) P 5. "We also reviewed" or "Besides, we reviewed"
4) Table 1. Use only one decimal place for all the figures.
5) P 7. second paragraph. Use "questionnaire" instead "survey".
6) P7. last paragraph. “…guideline recommendations. Empirical evidence…”
7) P9. Lowest score allocated by participants
8) P11. include the mentioned questionnaire as an ANNEX
9) P13. Use only one decimal place for all the figures.
10) P13. Last paragraph, “… adverse events and economic impact…”
11) P14. Factor analysis: Please, specify the % of explained variance for each factor. It should be helpful to include a table with factor coefficients
12) P14. third paragraph. “… within the groups” Which ones?
13) P15. last paragraph. I think the reference [5] should be after Oortwijn et al.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.