Reviewer's report

Title: Twelve years of clinical practice guideline development, dissemination and evaluation in Canada (1994 to 2005)

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This is a well-executed and clearly-reported survey.

Discretionary Revisions

1. The authors use guidelines included in the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Infobase. It is not clear from the background what quality criteria CMA applies to include guidelines on their database. This should be stated because it would give some indication about the quality of the guidelines covered in the survey.

2. Conclusions: First sentence. “Guideline development processes have improved…” should read: “Guideline development processes in Canada have improved….”

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests