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1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
   The aim of this paper is to determine by a survey, what kind of strategies are effective to implement guidelines into practice. Moreover, the authors want specifically determine the effect of Provider-focused and Workflow-focused strategies in a multifaceted approach on the guidelines implementation and guidelines adherence.
   
   This is an important question and a real debate, nowadays, in order to determine what kind of strategies are most cost-effectiveness to effectively implement guidelines and improve quality of cares.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
   Design of the study is a Likert-type survey sent to Quality managers and providers. The Survey is based on literature review and Focus groups and has been already validated, published and extensively used.
   
   Statistical analysis, based on multilevel models (hierarchical linear modeling) for testing the relationships between implementation strategy types and provider acceptance, is appropriate. The use of fixed effect model seems also appropriate (Validated by intra class correlations).

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
   The follow-up of survey is well explained. The validity of results is well controlled. Means to determine implementation strategies, providers’ acceptance and adherence to guidelines have been well described and seem adapted.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   This manuscript adhere to the relevant standards However, it need to be shortened. Maybe the figure 1 could be also removed.
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
This paper is well written and the discussion and conclusion are adapted to the results. It is an important paper for researchers working in improvement of quality of care to help them to develop further evidence-based interventions to implement guidelines into practice, adding a new dimension to understand the effect of Provider-focused and Workflow-focused strategies in multi-faceted strategies.

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
The background of the abstract need to be revised. The objectives of this paper are not clear in this section (but are clear in the text). Research question need to be added. The abstract conclusion is unclear. Use the paper conclusion for the abstract could improve the understanding in regards to the goals of this paper.

7. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes

**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.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests