Reviewer’s report

Title: Evidence-based practice implementation: The impact of public vs. private sector organization type on organizational support, provider attitudes, and adoption of evidence-based practice

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Reviewer: Elisabeth Wilson-Evered

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I suggest only minor revisions as provided in the attached paper, that I trust the authors to complete.

1. Minor editorial eg use of commas after first phrase
2. Minor word use eg criterion instead of dependent variable
3. More clearly explain and justify use of both development of measure of organizational support for innovation (and the measure of EBP adoption) and is method of analysis ie counting. How were the items identified, derived and justified? Is there a hierarchy or clustering among the items, was there a common pattern across public vs private. Is this method of developing a measure and the measure/s itself psychometrically supported, can it be used across studies, w what are you recommendations for using this measurement tool (items) and methodolg for other studies etc
4. Consider how EBPs can be adopted in health care, eg norms and leadership among medical staff especially have potentially strong influences on adoption in health care
5. Please explain, reference justify the statistical approach for mediation in M.Plus when the assumptions are not met according to Barron and Kenny's approach by the correlations. This will help novice researchers and also less statistically sophisticated readers.

Thank you, well done, this is a very good example of excellent writing and logically and well structured paper.

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'