Reviewer's report

**Title:** How can we improve guideline use? A conceptual framework of implementability

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

The topic of this paper is important and timely. However, the following issues need to be addressed to substantiate and differentiate this work from others:

1. In providing justification for studying this topic, information is not presented in a cohesive manner. The Background section can be abbreviated to present pertinent information leading to the objective of this paper.

2. Novelty and innovation of this work is not clear from this paper. The paper points that prior similar work “may not include all possible elements relative to guideline use”. Illustrative examples should be presented in support this statement. The authors should compare and contrast their work with prior work to differentiate their work from prior work.

3. In literature review methods authors list search criteria and ineligibility criteria for the 1,348 studies returned from the search. However, only 18 studies were reviewed from this large number. It will be more informative to present the selection process in detail or as a flow diagram.

Minor Essential Revisions:

Please see attached list.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

Currently work on a guideline implementability tool