Reviewer’s report

Title: Developing Clinical Practice Guidelines: Types of evidence and outcomes; values and economics, synthesis, grading, and presentation and deriving recommendations

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Reviewer: Melissa Brouwers

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Please see attached.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

NON-FINANCIAL INTERESTS.

a) I was the Principal Investigator (PI) of the AGREE II project and the first author of the publication series. I am the PI of the AGREE A3 project.

b) I am the scientific director of the Program in Evidence-based Care, a guidelines program of the Ontario (Canada) cancer system.

c) I publish a lot on the guideline enterprise.

d) I have been a member of the Guidelines International Network.

e) I know all of the authors of this series. For some (in particular JG and HS), we have worked on projects together and published together and continue to do so.