Reviewer's report

Title: Development and initial validation of the Patient Safety Practices Questionnaire

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This is a nicely written paper that describes the development and validation of a questionnaire based upon the Theory Domains Framework. The authors provide a method by which to quantify data relating to the TDF domains, and this is important since the majority of the work conducted in relation to the TDF has been qualitative in focus. The authors describe a method and resulting tool that could potentially be used for audit, evaluation and service improvement. I would recommend accepting after the following very few minor essential revisions:

Introduction
1. In the section, ‘Context’, it would be good to put the acronym ‘(NPSA)’ after National Patient Safety Alert, as this acronym is used in the Methods and not described until the List of Abbreviations

Discussion
2. I would be interested to hear the authors’ views on how quantitative data collected from this questionnaire might be used in conjunction with qualitative TDF data, and it would strengthen the paper further to have some discussion around how the two methods might be brought together.

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 I have no competing interests