Reviewer's report

Title: Expectations for methodology and translation of animal research: a survey of health care workers

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Reviewer: Gilly Griffin

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Minor essential revisions

1. Line 83 -- I think it's more important to understand what the public perception is related to animal research

2. Line 88 -- I think that there are some studies (granted not many, that have looked at conditional acceptance of AR -- please see Ormandy et al Anthrozoos 26: 165-154; http://www.landfood.ubc.ca/person/elisabeth-ormandy/. also the work of Phil Naughten Macnaghten, P. 2004. Animals in their nature: A case study on public attitudes to animals, genetic modification and 'nature'. Sociology 38(3): 533--551. and Pru Hobson west http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/vet/people/pru.hobson-west

3. I found the writing to be a bit tedious. I wondered whether the results could be presented in a table that compared the difference between the pediatricians and the nurses, as reading the results it was very repetitive

4. Line 191 -- seems like a large disagreement to me -- too large to be termed "only"

5. Line 196 -- demographics in a table please

Discretionary revisions

1. Line 53 -- some argue that death is not a harm. I'm pleased to see that it is labelled early death, but this may raise questions, as in EU for example, killing animals by approved method is not included in the legislation, because death is not necessarily seen as a harm

2. Line 76 "only up to 8%" it would be better to say "less than 8%"

3. Line 112 how many pilot studies?

4. Line 126 Could the questions be included in an appendix?

5. Line 141 more details of the review -- review ID

6. Line 169 complicated sentence please revise
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

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