Reviewer's report

Title: Implementation of clinical practice guidelines on lifestyle interventions in Swedish primary healthcare - a two-year follow up

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Reviewer: Simon French

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Improved manuscript, but some problems persist and the newly added text has uncovered some new issues.

1. Thank you for providing information about piloting the questionnaire. Did you make any changes to the original questionnaire after piloting?
2. Appendix (full questionnaire). Make a footnote that this questionnaire was originally presented to participants in Swedish, but is translated to English for the article.
3. P7, line 111: The concept of "perceived difficulties" is unclear. Change the sentence "An open-ended exploratory question focusing on perceived IMPLEMENTATION difficulties was also included"
4. P8, line 124: "translated by the first author FROM SWEDISH TO ENGLISH"
5. P8, line 125: how many of the authors read through the answers several times? Was this done independently?
6. P8, line 126: provide further elaboration of what "themes of difficulties" means.
7. Discussion: first paragraph is very long and makes it difficult to read. Break into shortened paragraphs with defined topics.
8. P23, line 404: add that there may be response bias because those who responded may agree more with the guidelines. Also report that you do not have any details on the non-responders (I assume that is the case; if you do please report), so non-response bias cannot be assessed.
9. For the qualitative responses, you report the overall number of respondents, but what I meant in my query was for you to report how many respondents there were for each theme area.
This was an optional part of the questionnaire, so it is important to know how many respondents contributed to these themes.

10. The authors made no change to their conclusion after the last round of review, despite my concern that the conclusion is not supported by this study. Considering the limitations of this study, including the cross-sectional design, albeit over two time points, the possibility of selection bias (which has not or cannot be assessed), and the loss of an entire site in the follow up, the conclusion should be tempered highlighting these limitations.

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Yes

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