Reviewer’s report

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Thank you for the opportunity of reviewing the paper entitled: "Qualitative Evidence Synthesis for Guidelines: Paper 2 Using Qualitative Evidence Synthesis Findings to Inform Evidence-to-Decision Frameworks and Recommendations"

This paper is the second of a series describing the use of qualitative evidence synthesis in the development of clinical and health system guidelines. The aim of this paper is "to describe and discuss how findings from QES can be used to populate key Evidence to Decision (EtD) framework criteria for decision making in guideline development and to inform recommendations".

Examining the acceptability, feasibility and equity of the recommendation guidelines while creating the EtD frameworks is highly valuable.

The description of the steps adopted in developing the proposed approach was very transparent and relevant.

The examples used to describe the process of populating EtD framework with findings from QES were clear.

Assessing the confidence in the findings using the GRADE CERQual approach is a strength.

Minor edits are needed but otherwise publishable as is.

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