Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluating implementation of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) prevention guidelines in spinal cord injury centers using the PARIHS framework: a mixed-methods study

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Reviewer: Eleanor Murray

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1. I am satisfied that all the proposed revisions that I suggested have been made satisfactorily with the exception of my recommendation that the numerical data in Table 2 is extended to include the second group which the authors highlight in their cover letter:

secondly the numerical data in Table 2 is difficult to interpret as the second group (e.g. ‘not agree’, ‘not seen’) for each question is omitted, which requires the reader to calculate the count (first group count/percentage) in order to reach n=228;

RESPONSE: We chose to present Table 2 this way in order to streamline the results and focus on the comparisons between provider perceptions of fully versus not fully implemented guidelines. We felt that including the second group would not add value as far as the purpose of this table to draw these comparisons, and would simply increase the size of the table significantly. However, we will be happy to add the second group for each result if the reviewer still feels that this is essential.

As the tables are much improved through the revision process, I do not feel it is essential for the second group to be added.

The revisions to the qualitative section and the addition of Appendix 2 & 3 have made a substantial improvement to the insights that can be gained from applying the PARIHS framework.

Minor essential revisions:

P1, Para 1, missing 2-3 ‘years’

P8 second paragraph ‘survey’ questions – might be clearer as ‘interview’ questions

P33 – ‘Ref’ code in table 1, section 'SCI/D Provider Characteristics by Perceived Degree of Implementation' last column heading p-value.

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 that I have no competing interests.