Reviewer's report

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read and comment on the manuscript entitled "Guideline-based quality indicators - a systematic comparison of German and international clinical practice guidelines"

This manuscript aimed to compare guideline-based quality indicators of German and international clinical practice guidelines and their underlying methodological approaches.

Overall, it tackles an important topic. However, a very important methodological limitation is that the manuscript was submitted in the category of systematic reviews. Yet, selection and extraction of studies are done by one reviewer rather than two independent reviewers. This is an important detail that could be mentioned in the Abstract and the limitation section. So, for the type of design, authors might think about the possibility to indicate this study as a 'rapid review'.

Finally, in the Abstract section, I would cut down the introduction and conclusion length and provide more information under methods (e.g., study design, inclusion criteria, selection process) and results. The abstract could be reviewed; it could be inappropriate to start a sentence with a number.

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