Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Ruth Ponsford

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The authors have addressed fully reviewer comments and I am pleased to see that the qualitative findings have been made more central to the manuscript. I would just consider highlighting in the abstract and introduction why documenting fidelity of the EBQI strategy is important (i.e. to understand variation in outcomes/effectiveness of implementation strategies) - this might not be obvious to all readers. I would also just consider if you really feel the qual data on health service researcher roles 'explains variations in fidelity' (as suggested on p.11) or rather potential factors affecting/shaping implementation as I didn't feel the data as presented suggested if those quoted were necessarily from sites with higher/lower fidelity. You also mention Table 3, but I don't think a table three is included any longer.

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