**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** Systematic review on implementation of mobile health (mHealth) projects in Africa: What works? What doesn't work and why?

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Dear Editor,

I am pleased to submit a systematic review article entitled “Implementation of mobile health (mHealth) projects in Africa: What works? What doesn’t work and why?” by Clara Aranda, Neo Mohutsiwa-Dibe (equally contributed), and Svetla Loukanova for consideration for publication in BMC Public Health.

The paper presents a systematic review of peer-reviewed literature on mHealth projects in Africa between 2003 and 2013 using PubMed and OvidSP. We analysed experiences of implementing mHealth projects in Africa during the last decade and identified factors influencing the successes and failures of mHealth projects, using SWOT analysis. The paper gives answers to the following questions: (i) What are the factors leading to successful implementation of mHealth projects?; (ii) What are the factors limiting or challenging the implementation of mHealth projects?; (iii) Why do these factors cause project failure or limit project implementation?

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by BMC Public Health as it gives comprehensive practical analysis and an overview on factors and recommendations for successful implementation of mHealth projects in resource-poor settings and, in this way, open the forum for further discussions. Our manuscript creates a paradigm for future studies in the area of mHealth.

There are no recent similar critical comprehensive publications on the opportunities and limitations of mHealth projects implementation in Africa and this manuscript contributes adds on to the knowledge in this sense. The authors can provide on request a filled PRISMA checklist for literature reviews and a detailed overview of the papers, which were selected for this review.

This is a re-submission of the manuscript to this journal, where acknowledgments section was added. In addition the name of one of the authors was corrected.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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