Reviewer's report

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

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Please see the attached pdf for comments and highlights
As an overview or summary of information available this article fulfils its purpose.

Major compulsory revisions

1. When quoting mobile phone statistics in the introduction it is best to use the latest data rather than that which dates back to 2009 which is vast in terms of technological development.

2. The clarity of the article is better before and after data analysis, the data analysis becomes like a long list rather than explanation at points. The data analysis section is the weakest.

Minor Essential revisions

3. At times sentences would be clearer if shortened and revised, particularly in the data analysis section. There are just a few minor spelling and grammar errors.

Discretionary revisions

4. It is well highlighted that mHealth has huge potential in South Africa but not enough reasons are given why. The reasons given are “it is well accepted”; acceptable to patients; it is easier to discuss delicate information. There are many more positive benefits of mHealth in the articles reviewed.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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