Reviewer’s report

Title: A global framework for action to improve the primary care response to chronic non-communicable diseases: a solution to a neglected problem

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In my opinion, the manuscript is not fit for publication. The global framework for action is a tall order. The author has neither the mandate nor can they demonstrate the evidence from which this has stemmed. Although they reference the WHO Action plan for the global strategy for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, whilst referring a trend (ref. 6), they do not make a note of its six element and do not build further on the framework. The target setting is arbitrary and the package of interventions and key operations for national implementation of these interventions represent a wish list of strategies that are already well established. In my opinion the manuscript does not bring any value to what is already known on the subject and therefore would not recommend it for further processing.