Reviewer's report

Title: Caregiver Attitudes Towards ICT and Home Follow-up in Heart Failure Care

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Major Compulsory Revisions
- The term 'caregiver' is very misleading. Why not use 'health care professionals'. The term caregiver is generally used for the care of partners and family of patients.
- for me, the concept of 'medicine clinics' is not clear. What kind of clinics are this?
- I think the main problem of this survey is the way it was distributed. It was distributed to the heads of 85 clinics and with a request to distribute the forms to 'relevant personnel'. There was no idea on the number of health care personnel available. As a consequence response frequency is unclear and response bias may have influenced the results. Therefore the conclusion that 'general opinions among health care personnel in cardiology on healthcare ICT are positive as well as opinions on home follow-up and distance monitoring' cannot be drawn from this survey results
- the discussion is too comprehensive and contains information that should be described in the results (eg differences between occupations and choice of patients)

Minor Essential Revisions
affiliation; department of Signals and Systems
introduction; second alinea; sentence is much too long

Discretionary Revisions

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