Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Aaron E Carroll

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can
be reached)

There are major limitation to this study. They must be addressed. You only used resident physicians
who are more likely to use PDA technology and are generally more receptive to changes. You show
nothing that convinces me that it is the PDA component of the phone, rather than providing a cell
phone in general, that makes a difference.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the
author can be trusted to correct)

Your literature review could be much more thorough.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the
major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'