Reviewer's report

Title: A Stimulus to Define Informatics and Health Information Technology

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This is a well-written paper for debate, written by an author, who is very experienced in this field. It is definitely worth publishing. I have only two minor comments, expecting that this paper is not only focussing on a North American, but also international audience:

- The "Recommendations of the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) on Education in Health and Medical Informatics" (Methods Inf Med. 200; 39, 267-277 should be mentioned and quoted.

- There have been also many attempts in Europe to define "x-informatics", in particular medical informatics. It might be appropriate at least to mention a rather early paper on this: Hasman A et al. A Systematic View On Medical Informatics. Comp Meth Progr Biomed. 1996; 51, 131-139.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.