Reviewer's report

Title: An interdisciplinary team communication framework and its application to healthcare 'e-teams' systems design

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It seems to me that the authors have rewritten the article in response to a very focused critique from three reviewers. They have also provided a detailed account of the changes they have made and a robust defence of the positions that they have adopted. I think they have done what they were asked to do, and that they have done this in a thoroughgoing way. I have some minor revisions to recommend that arise out of the improvements they have made to the manuscript.

1. I think they need to look at one or two occasions where the general term 'communication' is used to mean something much more specific: for example, where they assert that social processes are 'influenced' by communication. This sort of thing needs to be tightened up and clarified.

2. In the methods section it is claimed that the initial coding of qualitative data was done without 'analysis' and was 'data driven' not 'theory driven'. I think this is a hostage to fortune and this could be better called 'descriptive'coding.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

In the period between first and second reviews of this paper I received reimbursement for contributing materials to a workshop organized and led by Dr Purkis.