Reviewer’s report

Title: The use of mobile phones as a data collection tool: A report from a household survey in South Africa

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Minor Essential Revisions
The authors have appropriately addressed most of the reviewers concerns. There are, however, few minor comments/suggestions which need to be addressed before publication.

On page 4 - Background: Reference 10 is focused on developing countries, please correct.

On page 4 - First paragraph. Authors refer to the "Millennium Villages Project." Please add a reference.

On page 4- First paragraph. Reference 21 is related to PDA not cell phones. Authors could refer/discuss the following report:


Figure 3: Not sure if the person that appears in the database (column "agent") is real. If so, you need to protect her name.

On page 12, second paragraph:
It says: "the a mobile phone"
It should say: "a mobile phone"

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.