Reviewer's report

Title: Building a house on shifting sand: methodological considerations when evaluating the implementation and adoption of national electronic health record systems

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Major Compulsory Revisions: None

Discretionary Revisions: None

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. p2: Abstract: Background: line 5 - "...stakeholders involved all of whom..."; insert comma after 'involved'

2. p4: Introduction: para 1: line 1 - footnote 1 text: footnote appears truncated; ends "...providers across a range" (may just be a pdf formatting issue)

3. p6: Background to the English EHR Initiative: para 2: Line 5: Change "...working within geographical region..." to "...working within a geographical region..."

4. p14: Geographical & institutional distribution: para 1: second last line: insert comma after "developer"

5. p16: Processes of change or 'socio-technical changing': para 1: line 8: "...(e.g. control trial)..."; do you mean "controlled trial"?

6. p17: Heading: Evaluating' through interpretation and exploration: You have a solitary single quote after "Evaluating". Either add a single quote before the word "Evaluating", or remove the one after it

7. p21: Building the house: implications of our experience: para 6: line 7: "...focused on practice, can help us to see..."; remove the comma

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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:
As noted previously, I have worked for iSoft in Australia as a contracted consultant, but do not believe that this creates a conflict of interest.