Reviewer's report

Title: Developing Capacity in Health Informatics in a Resource Poor setting: a Case Study from Peru

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This paper addresses a key issue of building HR in public health informatics for the global south. The Peruvian example is certainly reproducible in other LA or African countries. It is well written and leaves no doubts on the successful outcomes of the training program.

Since there are some proposals offering distance education training on health informatics, such as the AMIA 10 X 10 or 20 X 20, also with successful deployments in Latin America (Argentina uses the 10 X 10 program), I wonder as discretionary revisions, a comparison of the two approaches could enrich even more this paper and give evidence to Global south decision makers on which tracks should their investment be.

I believe that one of the strong points of the initiative reported is its flexibility and ability to understand the local context by being there and I think this is worth to emphasize, when compared to a distance education approach.

I compliment the authors on their success and hope this initiative will be expanded to other Global South countries.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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I declare that I have no competing interests