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Dear Editor:

I am pleased to submit a revision of the above referenced manuscript for consideration as a commentary in Health Research Policy and Systems. Both referees rendered a favorable opinion, on the core content and relevance of the original submission, but raised minor, albeit pertinent queries. Dr Gurch Randhawa comments (attached), essentially called to question the notion of south-south and north-south dynamics. These are clearly articulated in the manuscript's introduction / background. Mrs Elysa Ferraras’ comments (attached), have brought the manuscript to focus. I have changed the title to “Harnessing Information and Communication Technologies to Leverage Scarce Resources for Cancer Education, Research and Practice in Developing Countries”, and concluded the manuscript, in light of that title. Writing this manuscript and going through multiple revisions has been a great learning experience for me. Thanks for your generous disposition through this process.

Sincerely yours,

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