Reviewer's report

**Title:** Product Development Partnerships: Case studies of a new mechanism for health technology innovation

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**Reviewer:** Linda Nyari

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Major Compulsory Revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. page 2, para 2: Malaria Vaccine Initiative should be referred to as the PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative
2. page 3, para 1: proper reference for PATH is "PATH" not "Program for Appropriate Technology in Health" which is no longer used by the organization in its branding. PATH is a 501 c(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Seattle, WA. (see also, page 10, para 2.)
3. page 6, para 1 and 2: reference to the vaccine appears inconsistent, believe it should be SA-14-14-2 in each instance.

Discretionary revisions:
1. Would recommend that the Abstract be rewritten to better define and clarify what is meant by a Product Development Partnership (PDP) and its relationship to the use of the term Public Private Partnership (PPP). As drafted the referenced terms are confusing.
2. Would recommend a summary paragraph at the end of each case study that ties the case study example to the six determinants of innovation.
3. page 11, para 4: consider providing more context to the statement..."Those that address vaccines...are reliant on the resources of private companies."

**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:**
I am an employee of PATH and have an interest in the references to PATH and its activities as they appear in this manuscript.