Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Epilepsy Care Guidelines in the Developing World: Improving Access & Quality

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**Reviewer:** Charles R Newton

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This is a well-written and timely commentary on the implementation of the guidelines for the management of epilepsy in resource poor countries, particularly the mhGAP guidelines recently produced by the World Health Organization.

The three issues that I think that could be discussed in more detail are:

1. The implementation of the guidelines in the primary health care system in the poorer regions. As the authors correctly point out it is important to have “buy in” from the local communities – could they give some suggestions about how this could be accomplished?

2. Likewise, since traditional healers are often consulted about epilepsy in these regions, should they be included in implementing these guidelines, and how could this be done.

3. The authors said they conducted a literature search – what was the strategy?

**Minor**

1. “Sub-Saharan Africa”, should be “sub-Saharan”

2. Page 8, line 3 – best not end a sentence with a preposition “for”

3. Table 1; last row: “stoward”

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I was involved in setting up the mhGAP guidelines