Title: Do smartphone applications in healthcare require a governance and legal framework? It depends on the application!

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editor,

Re: Do smartphone applications in healthcare require a governance and legal framework? It depends on the application!

We are writing to submit a revised version of the above manuscript. We have followed the advice of the Editor and have reformatted the paper for inclusion now in the Commentary section. To conform with the guidelines of this section, the manuscript is now substantially shorter and has a simpler structure. In terms of content, it focuses mainly on governance, the area of interest highlighted by the Editor and, incidentally, by one of the reviewers.

Regarding the reviewers’ comments, we acknowledge that due to the new format and focus of the paper we may have not addressed all the comments made on the original piece. We hope the Editors agree with us that the current manuscript is a different, much shorter piece and that it would not be possible to address all the recommendations made by the reviewers here.

We feel that the paper still offers a thoughtful contribution to the current debate on the benefits and challenges of the use of smartphone and tablet applications in healthcare.

Yours sincerely,

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