Reviewer's report

Title: Characteristics of clinical trial websites: information distribution between ClinicalTrials.gov and 13 primary registries in the WHO registry network

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The paper has been greatly improved.

Major point:
Although this is understandable to carry out a survey of existing websites before proposing a change in the current Japanese portal for clinical trial registration, making the review to a paper for an academic journal needs a clear message. this paper still doesn't seem to have that. Assuming that the message is "current registration sites are not easy to use for lay people and this should change ", there are plenty of information that does not enforce this message and therefore to me they are unnecessary and irrelevant.

Minor points:
1. Abstract, background, line 3: " To improve current clinical trial registries, we propose that combining them with clinical information phrased in lay terms would be beneficial to other interested professionals such as journalists and clinicians, as well as the general public. " does not belong to introduction

2. Abstract, background, line 7: " aimed to examine how best to provide trial-related information by determining " I am not sure if one can claim this as an aim for this paper

3. Abstract, background, line 9: " Based on the results of this assessment, we then aimed to build and evaluate a prototype of the Japan Primary Registries Network (JPRN) portal that would be easily accessible to patients and the public, while still remaining useful for professionals " does not belong to introduction