Reviewer's report

Title: Methods and Metrics Challenges of Delivery System Research

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This is a very well written paper that addresses in a clear and constructive way major problems of delivery system research - and of research on complex interventions in general. The authors present in a nicely organized way the "challenges" and offer a range of pragmatic suggestions (methods and techniques) to overcome them. In doing so they successfully attempt to bridge the gap between the rigour needed to ascertain effectiveness of interventions and the richness of data and analyses necesseray to understand the "when", the "why" and the "under which conditions" interventions work/don't work.

The writing is clear and smooth, although at times burdened by some repetitions especially when amphasising role/importance of context.

A typo at page 21, second line from the top: trails instead - I presume - trials.

Thank you

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests