Reviewer’s report

Title: Pragmatic Clinical Trials Embedded in Healthcare Systems: Generalizable Lessons from the NIH Collaboratory

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The authors provide a useful overview of lessons learned from the NIH Collaboratory demonstration projects.

The introduction could be strengthened by building upon previously published literature on the NIH Collaboratory with a clarification of what this manuscript adds in terms of lessons learned. Consider including the following references:


The Methods section is lacking detail in terms of the specific processes used to obtain the information summarized in the lessons learned.

The discussion could be strengthened by including more specific thoughts on how the lessons learned will inform/guide future work in the Collaboratory and perhaps other similar national infrastructure (e.g. PCORnet).
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