Reviewer's report

Title: Why primary care practices should become digital health information hubs for their patients

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Major compulsory revisions
This debate article presents a novel proposition that primary healthcare providers also become e-health providers. It is written from the patient perspective and should therefore be of broad interest. The arguments are logical and challenging to primary care providers, although examples of success in using digital health in primary care would strengthen the argument.

The main difficulty with this paper for an international audience is that it is US specific and many aspects of the US health system are unexplained (e.g., blue button?). The authors should review what they have written to identify what knowledge of the US health system has been assumed and what could be made clearer. The authors should also be explicit about whether they have considered what happens in other countries or just the US.

I consider that this paper is worthy of publication with these revisions.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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