Reviewer's report

Title: Community Engagement Strategies for Genomic Studies in Africa: a review of the literature

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Major Comments
1. On page 12. Line 303 - it is important to also note that CE may lead to some protocol amendments aimed at incorporating ideas from community members.
2. Page 14 Section on CABS - need to note that some CABs are study specific, while some are area specific. The area specific ones serve all studies conducted in the area.
3. Under CE techniques one would have expected to hear something about community bulletins and community radio presentations which both allow for feedback by community members.
4. In the discussion section, authors may consider adding some guidance on how CE can be evaluated - in view of the fact that they did not find some literature on evaluating EC.
5. It looks like the authors CE approaches and CE techniques as the same. I suppose the approach is guided by the aim...and the aim determines the strategies/techniques used in engaging the community. See line 430-432 and 433-437.
6. From Line 455-462 - one would also expect the authors to discuss - what CE techniques may be appropriate beyond sample collection.
7. In the discussion section, one would also expect the authors to think about what it takes to come up with an effective EC strategy.

Minor Comments
1. Line 391 - needs editing. Is it supposed to read "biases" or "biased"

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

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