Reviewer’s report

Title: A health app developer's guide to law and policy: A multi-sector policy analysis

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The paper presents an interesting work, made by an interdisciplinary team. The issue addressed is important.

The authors developed basically a questionnaire to help apps developers to care about the certification issues of health applications and devices. Call it an application can be exaggerated. However it is useful for decision making.

The geographical span of the regulations used by the authors does not include (if I am not mistaken) Asia and Africa, where most of the population lives. If possible, some information should be included.

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