Reviewer’s report

Title: Mobile phone applications to overcome malnutrition among preschoolers: a systematic review

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This paper presents a systematic review of recent mobile health applications for tackling the problem of malnutrition among preschool children. The reviewer has some several concerns on the work regarding methodology and paper writing.

- Search strategy needs to be clarified so that the review can be repeated. For example, the reason for paper exclusion in screening and eligibility criteria in Fig. 1 are not elaborated. The time window for literature searching is not clear. The number of papers obtained by manual search is not provided. It is desirable that the authors provide their review protocol if it exists.

- In Sec. 2.2, I guess parentheses are required for MeSH terms, i.e. ("Child Nutrition Disorder" OR ... OR "Pediatric Feeding Disorder") AND ("Mobile Applications" OR ... OR "portable software app").

- It would be better for the authors to summarize and clarify their findings from the selected literature in the part of Results in the abstract.

- I am interested in the distinguishing characters of m-health intervention for preschool children and general population besides mothers’ perspectives and behavior.

- I strongly recommend a proofreading of the paper to correct grammatical and writing errors. I just list a couple here.

- In Background of Abstract, "review evaluations ... among preschoolers" is repeated in the last two sentences.

- In p6, the sentence "In continue which ones ... were excluded too." is awkward.

- Some words in the sentence are capitalized while some first words are lowercased.

- In last sentence of Sec. 3.2, "... were video deleting by wrong, ...") -> "... were video deleted by wrong ..."

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