Reviewer's report

Title: Investigating Usability of Mobile Health Applications in Bangladesh

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Reviewer: Mary Mercer

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This manuscript reflects a very important question in this day and age of digital developments -- in particular, understanding the benefits of mHealth apps. Given their proliferation globally, assessing how useful and user-friendly they are needs to be more widely practiced. The literature review and reference list is lengthy and detailed, as is the description of the three stages of the project.

However -- this manuscript appears to be written as a full report on a project that might be appropriate as a final report for a funding agency. It is far too detailed, with 9 tables and 4 figures that include unnecessary information, and has too little explanations of the meaning of the results to be a useful journal article. The three stages of the research described were far too much to include in one paper.

Either the second or third stages of this research could be developed as a useful article, with the other stages briefly summarized. The literature, methods and tables would need to be limited to content that is clearly related to the study's conclusions -- in this draft, the tables in particular simply clutter up the manuscript without a clear purpose. I went through the entire draft hoping that by the end I would have a few summary take-home conclusions other than the lack of usability of most of the apps studied. I didn't, only finding that both your independent evaluations using standard criteria were congruent with the user evaluations.

Again, the topic is important and the work of this evaluation are commendable. However, it it not yet in shape to be a journal article.

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