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Title: Mobile phone text messaging interventions for HIV and other chronic diseases: an overview and framework for evidence transfer

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Dear Editor,

Please consider our manuscript entitled: “Mobile phone text messaging interventions for HIV and other chronic diseases: an overview and framework for evidence transfer” for publication in Implementation Science.

Currently, text messaging is emerging as an important and cost effective tool in disease management. Yet, the bulk of this research is from HIV even though the management of many other conditions can be improved using text messaging technology. In order to determine what evidence can be transferred and how, we used systematic overview methodology to map the scope of text messaging evidence, identify knowledge gaps and discuss avenues for knowledge transfer within and between geographical regions. Implementation of our findings may reduce duplication of efforts and lead to cost savings. This piece of work is part of an ongoing collaborative effort that started with determining the efficacy of text messaging in HIV care using randomized controlled trials and systematic reviews. We are now exploring strategies for implementation and scale-up.

On behalf of the research team,

Lawrence Mbuagbaw

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