Reviewer's report

Title: Integration of an infectious disease programme into the Primary Health Care service: A retrospective analysis on Chagas disease community-based surveillance in Honduras

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The management of Chagas disease is of high importance. Not only for the respective countries, but also for Public Health research. There is a lot that we can learn from it. Thus, I would like to encourage a paper of community based control of Chagas disease in Honduras.

However, I am afraid that the article in its current form is not yet ready for publication. It reads more like an internal report than like a scientific paper. It is quite long and contains quite some lyrics. It should be more focused and condensed.

Examples:

- What is the objective of this paper? Do you want to make a process analysis? Do you want to prove the feasibility of primary-care based control? Do you want to show the effects? Do you want to show the efficiency? This is not clear to me.
- The entire field of costs would be of high importance. You hardly mention this.
- The precede-proceed model is the core, but you hardly describe it. It is a framework model for practical management? Is it an evaluation instrument? Is it commonly used? Where does it come from? Who developed it? Why this model and not other management frameworks?
- You do not really describe how you got your data and information.
- Consequently the paper lacks evidence for quite some statements.
- Introduction: it is not clear when you talk about Honduras, Latin America or the world.
- The main body of the text could benefit by separating your own findings and the state-of-the-art from the literature. You mix this up

Minor issues:

- Quality of figures should be improved
- English should be corrected
- Do you really mean "Ministry of Health in Latin America"?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

no competing interests at all.