Reviewer’s report

Title: Using information and communication technologies to involve patients and the public in health education in rural and remote areas: a scoping review

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Reviewer: Maurice Mars

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for the opportunity to re-review this paper which has been improved. There are still a couple of issues that need to be resolved to the editor's approval.

Abstract, page 2, line 2: I presume "(PPI) in a practice" should be "(PPI) is a practice".

Abstract, page 2, line12: as stated in the methods this was a not "a systematic scoping review" but a scoping review which is reported in a narrative fashion. "Systematic" should be removed.

Methods: the methods section does not mention the search strategy nor does it refer to Appendix A with the search criteria. The first version of the paper had the following, "The search strategy can be found in the online appendices (A1)." This should be re-inserted on page 6, line 5.

The authors have not stated when the review was undertaken. From the references, it may have been in 2015 or early 2016. This should be included.

Page 7, lines 16-18: a word is missing in, "the characteristics of the in which these PPI activities took place."

Page 8, line 9: there appears to be a word missing in, "…we kept five articles were included…"

There are still minor issues with tense and grammar.

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