Reviewer’s report

Title: Strengthening mental health systems in low and middle-income countries: the EMERALD programme

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The issue of burden of mental disorders in low and middle-income countries, the inadequacy of their treatment and the consequent gap has been debated for many decades. The article discusses the intentions of their ongoing project and highlights the different components of their methodology. The paper does not provide results of the impact of the project/intervention or the changes in reality on the ground. This is an introductory paper of the EMERALD project. The article also briefly mentions the difficult obstacles but it does not address the complex reality of many LMIC.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests