**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** How can clinicians, specialty societies and others evaluate and improve the quality of apps for patient use?

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Reviewer #1: Margaret Allman-Farinelli

I am satisfied with the responses to all three reviewers.

--Thank you.

Reviewer #2: Miguel López-Coronado

After reading all responses to the different questions of the reviewers and analyze the paper, i think this paper can be published.

--Thank you.

Reviewer #3: Courtney Lyles
This new version of the commentary has been re-organized to address most of the reviewers' concerns, such as expanding the focus of the article to address roles for app developers and app stores in addition to clinicians and specialty societies. My final comments are:

1. I believe the title of the piece is still too narrowly focused, if it can also be edited to reflect the broader stance of the commentary beyond clinicians.

   --Thank you. I have suggested the following revised title to take account of both the wider range of actors and also aims now discussed in the article: “How can clinicians, specialty societies and others evaluate and improve the quality of apps for patients to use?"

2. The use of "App Store" throughout, along with iPhone app references, might suggest that this commentary does not also refer to apps on Android devices. Please edit to include both platforms and Google Play as well as the App Store.

   --Thank you for pointing this out, this has been amended in many locations in the text.

3. All sections of the commentary read well, but there is a lot of information presented and it is over 4000 words total. If all sections are deemed necessary and appropriate for this single commentary by the editor and the author, then I suggest using both overall headings and subheading to assist readers.

   --Thank you. I agree and have suggested several additional sub headings to help break up the text and signpost the reader.