Reviewer's report

**Title:** Factors from health systems research impacting policy change: lessons from the implementation of Rapid Assessment Protocols for diabetes in low- and middle-income settings

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**Reviewer:** Dina Balabanova

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The paper is much improved, I am happy to recommend for publication.

**Minor Essential Revisions**

The final thing that will be very helpful is to improve clarity on the Google search. The authors say: 'The aim of this search was to identify documents that had used or referenced material produced by the IIF using the RAPIA tool.' It looks like the Google search strategy is focus on finding documents rather than names...

But later, at the results it is stated that 'The Google search also identified news items from different mass media around the world…. which referenced the RAPIA results or included interviews with people involved with the IIF.' It looks very likely that these individuals are just known in their field, involved in the IIF but not in the RAPIA. Can the authors have one more look at how this is presented – it will improve the clarity of the paper.

**Discretionary Revisions**

I wanted to suggest to the authors a new title, which is more compact and removes the claim for impact....

**New title:** Health systems research for policy change: lessons from the implementation of Rapid Assessment Protocols for diabetes in low- and middle-income settings

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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:**

I work in broadly the same field (noncommunicable disease) but I there is no
significant conflict of interest