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This article is a thoughtful and useful contribution to the "toolkit" of researchers, knowledge users and policy makers in developing countries who are seeking to improve implementation efforts. The use of a clinical exemplar throughout the manuscript was very useful and effective. The article is well-written and well-referenced. The article mentions the use of a knowledge broker, which is an effective, but often expensive, addition to the healthcare budget of a LMIC. I suggest that when considering sustaining changes made utilizing the FHI 360 Research Utilization Framework, it would be worth mentioning that a potential limitation of the framework is the expense of including staff like knowledge brokers, who may be available in grant-funded situations, but not during long-term implementation efforts.

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