Reviewer's report

Title: Behaviour change strategies for reducing blood pressure-related disease burden: findings from a global implementation research programme

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Thank you for the opportunity to read this well written, interesting manuscript. This is a complex undertaking with potential for contributing important information regarding characteristics of behavior change interventions in LMIC.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. pg 16, para 1. Identification of capabilities, opportunities and motivations of the principal actors is germane to this work. Given the ratings are based on the research teams perceptions of existing barriers, further description is required to clarify the strategy/decision making process employed by the teams to assign ratings to the various components. For example, how did the team determine community motivation??

Minor Essential Revisions

2. pg 15, para 2. It is not clear if the intervention strategies coded were all of those included in the study or only those specifically intended to target the principal behavior change goal?

3. Pg 17. Figure 2 describes changes made in ratings of COM over time. It is unclear why two scores are presented. The authors indicate that teams were at different stages in their respective projects however, do not account any further for the changing scores.

4. Pg 17 para 3. Can you define term “mhealth interventions”

5. Pg 18. Can you comment further on the appropriateness of the intervention types identified across the individual projects, given the goals and the range of COM ratings of the actors involved?? A table linking individual project goals, COM ratings and intervention types would be useful?

6. Pg 20, para 2. Can you define what you mean when you refer to the role of “contextual factors”?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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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’