Reviewer’s report

Title: A quick and selected overview of the Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health

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I understand this contribution follows an invitation from the journal to the author and that comments of a first draft were provided by the editor.

However, there are minor changes required before its publication:

- Section 1, when mandates are named, are these mandates the same as the Opinions? If different topics, maybe good to add a footnote the first time this is mentioned explaining which mandates are these.

- Section 1, last paragraph, second line, "...topics treated in the Opinion were...": substitute by "...topics treated in the different Opinions were...", to be consistent with the rest of the document.

- Section 2.1: provide the long name of PPPs the first time that initials are used, and include initials in brackets: "...public-private partnerships (PPPs)...

- Section 2.1: line 4, "...concerning a DG SANCO report externally commissioned": to whom? On PPPs? This part remains too vague. Maybe good to add a foot note explaining which report is this, or simply saying "...a DG SANCO report externally commissioned on PPPs in Europe" or similar.

- Section 2.2: ".with a strong impact..": which had a strong impact? Which may have a strong impact in policymakers? Better to clarify this strong impact, as the reference in the Lancet is mentioned much later in the section.

- Section 2.2: "...Hopefully, it will help...": even if it is a personal contribution, I would substitute "hopefully" for something less vague. For example: "It is expected it will help...", "If x conditions allow it, it will help..."

- Section 2.2: last sentence "...For many health systems, coping with this definition will lead to important changes". Which changes? In priority setting? In the redefinition of primary care itself? To be clarified.
Section 2.3: "...This definition also makes clear...", delete "it clear" as it is repeated.

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