

Supplementary file 1: Data extraction forms

1.1 Data extraction form for journal policies and guidelines

General information		
Journal name		
Website		
Scope		
Publisher		
Country where publisher is based		
Country where editor in chief is based		
LMIC journal?	Yes	
	No	
Impact factor	Yes	
	No	
Publication frequency		
Open access	Yes	
	No	
Scope general?	Yes	
	No	
Plagiarism		
Policy available	Yes	
	No	
Description on what constitutes plagiarism?	Yes	Describe:
	No	
Reference to plagiarism software?	Yes	
	No	
Consequences of plagiarism described?	Yes	Describe:
	No	
Reference to COPE flow-diagram?	Yes	
	No	
Authorship		
Guideline available	Yes	Describe:
	No	
Guideline in line with updated ICMJE criteria (i.e. 4 criteria)?	Yes	
	No	
Guideline in line with old ICMJE criteria (i.e. 3 criteria)?	Yes	
	No	
Contributorship policy	Yes	Describe:
	No	
Information on acknowledgement practices	Yes	Describe
	No	
Conflict of interest		
Guideline available	Yes	
	No	

Definition of a conflict of interest	Yes	Describe
	No	
Guidance on what to declare	Yes	
	No	
Funding sources		
Guideline available	Yes	
	No	
Information on what to declare	Yes	Describe
	No	
Guidance on how to declare funding	Yes	Describe
	No	
Funding statement in publication	Yes	
	No	
ICMJE		
Do they mention ICMJE recommendations?	Yes	
	No	
Is there a link to the ICMJE website?	Yes	
	No	
Is there a link to the ICMJE document?	Yes	
	No	
Notes		

1.2 Data extraction form for all research articles

General information		
Study ID		
Type of study		
Number of authors		
Country of contact author		
Authorship		
Did authors disclose contributions of authors?	Yes	Describe
	No	
For each author: Which ICMJE criteria are met?	Yes	
	No	
Are any other contributors listed in the acknowledgement section?	Yes	Describe
	No	
Conflicts of interest		
Did authors declare conflicts of interest	Yes	None known
		Financial conflicts of interest
		Non-financial conflicts of interest
No		
Funding sources		
Did authors disclose funding sources?	Yes	Commercial funding
		Non-commercial external funding e.g. grants, NPOs, private funders
		No external funding
No		
Plagiarism		
Turnitin similarity score		

Score >10%?	Yes	
	No	
No plagiarism	Yes	
	No	
Abstract	Plagiarism	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
	Redundancy	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
Introduction	Plagiarism	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
	Redundancy	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
Methods	Plagiarism	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
	Redundancy	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
Results	Plagiarism	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
	Redundancy	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
Discussion	Plagiarism	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
	Redundancy	Level 1
		Level 2
		Level3
Overall	Plagiarism	Mild
		Moderate
		Severe
	Redundancy	Mild
		Moderate
		Severe
Notes		

