Reviewer's report

**Title:** Views and experiences of nurse practitioners and medical practitioners with collaborative practice in primary health care - an integrative review

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**Reviewer:** Karen Hoare

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Major Compulsory Revision.

I enjoyed reading this article. It was very well written and addresses an important issue of collaboration between nurse practitioners and doctors in primary care. The review methodology is very well described and adhered to. My major concern is that six of the included studies were conducted in the UK. The UK’s definition of a nurse practitioner (NP) is not the same as Canada, the USA, New Zealand and Australia. The title is not protected in the UK and there is no requirement for a Master’s degree to become a nurse practitioner. I would argue that although the roles in practice may be similar to that carried out by international NPs, the level of preparation for the role is different. A Nurse Consultant role in the UK is more comparable to a USA, Canadian, Australian or New Zealand NP role. I think this needs explaining in the article with a table listing the requirements for NP licensure in the countries where the studies have been conducted (US Canada, UK, Netherlands, Sweden Ireland, and New Zealand).

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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.