Reviewer's report

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Over all it is my pleasure to inform you that this a very good paper about the role of university hospitals as drivers of career success. The fact that almost all chief physician posts in Germany are filled with external candidates has almost become an "unwritten law" and is often recommended by the receiving entity. This paper fits well to be published in your journal.