Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions
This manuscript addresses an important topic, the advancement of IT integration in clinical care. The comparison between the two countries is exhaustive statistically, but is never adequately explained discussed. The results should be published in one section. Then tease out discussion. How has policy affected differential rates of adoption? Specifically, what has been effective? What has not? How has integration changed clinical care? The authors also do not describe in specific what systems are in place and how are they used. There is far too much focus on comparing the rates, which is not as important as the process of change, in terms of readers. This research is descriptive in nature, and the report should read as such.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.