Reviewer's report

**Title:** The impact on patient health and service outcomes of introducing nurse consultants: a historically matched controlled study

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**Reviewer:** Pamela A Ohman Strickland

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Major
I do not understand how the Wilcoxon signed rank test or the Mann-Whitney test are taking into account the pairing that is part of the study design. These methods are usually used for independent observations. Can the authors clarify?

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.