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Comments
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review this manuscript. Overall, I find the manuscript readable and clear to understand. I however do have the following comments that the authors may need to attend to:

1. It is not clear to me if the title of the manuscript is self-explanatory. At first I did not have that much clear insight what the manuscript would produce;
2. I would like the authors to also consider that the pay or salary that health workers receive is not everything that their employers put in. There may be medical insurance, pension and other benefits that may not come in within the salary;
3. We also do not know if one cadre’s practice has tendency to increase costs e.g. via medical tests;
4. The sentence in between the references 21 and 22 could be written differently;
5. One of the assumptions that we all make is to assume that the lower cadre source is replete with health workers who may “task-shifted”;
6. It would be great also if the titles for the Tables are self-explanatory such that even without reading the whole text, the tables can still be useful;
7. I would appreciate if there is an indication when the web sources; URL were accessed.

Thank you.

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Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.