Reviewer's report

Title: A Literature Review: The Role of Private Sector Involvement in the Production of Nurses in India, Kenya, South Africa and Thailand

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Minor essential revisions

a. Table 2: review spelling - eg missing "s" to institutions reference 24
b. For each section of the Result section: demand for nurses/no of nurses produced in the private sector; production capacity of private nurses education institutions: for those countries where no evidence was available, please state so such that under each section there is an overview/information about of (un)available evidence for each of the 4 countries. For example section production capacity: south Africa is not mentioned – does that imply that there is no evidence? If so, this should be said.
c. Line 333: have key informant interviews be conducted? should those be added in the methods section?

Discretionary revisions
d. Line 389: Can “more data collection required in this area by replaced by “more research” or “more evidence” required in this area? – data collection seems to be a too narrow term for what is implied by the authors

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.