Reviewer’s report

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As I stated in the first review, I did not evaluate the Table 1 and 2 in the manuscript because these were not contain in the previous version. The reviewer think this manuscript is suitable for publication as a regular article in Human Resources for Health on the condition that the authors provide the values they employed in their calculation. Those information will be helpful for other researchers and also is needed to secure scientific reproducibility.

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

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I declare I have no competing interests.