Reviewer’s report

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The authors have done well to address many of the comments from reviewers, which provided considerable contrast and were in parts contradictory. Some comments from reviewer 1 remain outstanding.

Background. Some small amendments to the 2004 evidence and qualification of country context and ‘shortage’ would strengthen the introduction.

Methods. I would welcome clarity on the relation between a nurse and the health service indicators selected. Can the authors provide a rationale for the links and the effects reported on caesarean section or deliveries from HIV-positive women?

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