Reviewer’s report

Title: The Implications of the Feminization of the Primary Care Physician Workforce on Service Supply: a Systematic Review

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Reviewer: Helena Britt

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I was pleased with your responses to my earlier review, and fall you have satisfied the issues I raised.

There is one general comment you make that is a bit strong. You say that most studies did not adjust for multiple comparisons. If the studies used 95% confidence intervals they don’t need to because a 95% CI (with adjustment for the cluster if applicable) gives a very very

However, the issue raised by the other Reviewer re your rejection of searches related to generalist pediatricians and internists is of concern. While you do raise the issue in the paper, you do not tell the reader you intend to investigate this in another paper (which you say you are going to do in the response to the reviewers). Since people can attend without referral to any specialist or primary care provider in the US your argument seems a bit erroneous (re why you did not include literature re above groups).

However, the final decision on this issue, I will leave to the other Reviewer who is clearly from the US and has a deeper understanding of the issue.
At a minimum reference to your future planned work is required.

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