Reviewer’s report

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Authors should be clearer about the fact that the survey on which they base their analysis was conducted six years ago- what are the implications for policy in 2014 of findings from a 2008 survey- limitations? Changes in policy context?

Authors should clarify that the content of this submitted paper differs substantially and significantly from the reference [3] sited as in press at the WHO Bulletin

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'