Reviewer's report

Title: The Importance of Human Resources Management in Health Care: A Global Context

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

A well written discussion paper which offers a fundamental overview of the health care systems of several developed countries and identifies the key health human resource issues confronting each of these countries. The paper would be enhanced if the authors added an additional aspect of analysis under their discussion based on the main issues of health human resources which they identify in the introductory section of the paper. It would be helpful if the authors identified and described how these key issues are represented or influence the health human resources within each country they describe. It would also be helpful if the authors could elaborate on specific policy measures or strategy which could be introduced within each country to improve health human resource management and thereby the quality of health care offered in that country.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.