Reviewer’s report

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Discretionary Revisions:

In the background section, it should be made clearer the difference between 'National Health Research System' as a recommended model by the WHO and the 'Health Research System', i.e, current status of health research in Guinea Bissau.

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

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I declare that I have no competing interests