Reviewer's report

**Title:** The Panamanian health research system: a baseline analysis for the construction of a new phase

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**Reviewer:** Francisco Becerra-Posada

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The paper is a useful one as it shows the status of the research for health system in Panama. Latin American research systems have developed differently and these type of analysis are useful. I have included comments in the text that should be addressed by the authors, I think these have to be clarified before the paper is published.

The review of the suggestions is essential for a better understanding of the paper. There are key issues in Panama that are happening and are not explained, such as the creation of the Ciudad del Saber (City of Knowledge).

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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 interest