Reviewer's report

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Major compulsory revision

This is an very interesting manuscript using CAS method to class transition periods for China health system reform. but this manuscript did not link the political and economic policies and situation of that time with the classification. In China, health system reform to a great degree is a political issue.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'