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Title: Non-Medical Prescribing in Australasia and the UK: the Case of Podiatry

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Non-Medical Prescribing in Australasia and the UK: the Case of Podiatry Alan M Borthwick 1, Anthony Short 2*, Susan A Nancarrow 3, Rosalie Boyce 4

1) This is a novel highly topical sociological paper, which will serve as a resource to current practitioners, who wish to gain contextual understanding of this aspect of their practice as well as acting as a historical record of these significant developments for the future.

2) The consideration of these developments in both Australia and the UK is particularly useful as it demonstrates the fact that these developments aren't simply taking place locally, but instead represent genuine international change.

3) As a senior manager responsible for a large podiatry service, to me, the paper precisely captures and brings together well the significant changes in this area which I am aware are taking place at this current time.

4) The paper is well written and clearly demonstrates the lead authors expertise and familiarity with the complex language required in papers of a sociological nature.

5) As expected in a paper of this nature, the work is exceptionally well referenced.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have none of the interests described above, however all but one of the authors are known to me personally.