Reviewer's report

Title: Advanced nursing practice in Kenya: exploring the context

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I enjoyed reading your paper. The study is timely in view of the explosion of interest in advanced practice roles internationally.

Your account of nursing roles and responsibilities in Kenya was very clear and helped me understand the context of the participants' working environments. The study design is explained very clearly and the findings and discussion are interesting.

I only have three recommendations (1 discretionary revision and two minor essential revisions).

1. Discretionary revision: where you refer to Mantzoukas and Watkinson's seven generic features of advanced nursing practice on page 7 I think you should also refer to Hutchinson et al's (2014) excellent recent paper 'deriving consensus on the characteristics of advanced practice nursing: meta summary of more than 2 decades of research'. Nursing Research.

2. Minor essential revisions.

In the abstract, please insert 'non-physician' after 'clinical' and before 'officer' (conclusion, 4th sentence) [this will clarify the role for readers—it was not clear until later in the paper].

On page 16, paragraph 2 (Only two PPNs...), in the 4th sentence, 'five year's experience' should be changed to 'five years' experience'.

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

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 no competing interests.