Reviewer’s report

Title: Advanced Nurse Practitioners in municipal healthcare as a way to meet the growing healthcare needs of the frail elderly: A qualitative interview study with managers, doctors and specialist nurses

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The manuscript describes a qualitative study of the opinions of primary care actors regarding the potential of Advanced Nurse Practitioner role in primary health care. The paper is interesting and well-written and the topic seems very relevant for the Swedish health care.

- To my opinion, there is also international relevance in this study that is not properly discussed.

- In Introduction the authors mention the existence of ANPs educated in Linköping and Skövde. It seems that some of them work in primary care. Were any of them interviewed? And even more important, did any of the interview subjects have collaboration or contact with the ANPs. Are any of the ANPs employed in the areas where the interview subjects are working? If yes, it would be very interesting to mention that and also present any differences between the subjects that have been "exposed" to the ANP role and those that have not.

- It would be also very interesting to present demographic information regarding the municipalities and the areas in which the interview subjects are practicing, as this might be affecting their attitude towards the ANP role.

- The publication of the English translation of the interview guide can also be interesting for better understanding the results of the study.

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