Reviewer’s report

Title: What is known about an association between rural medical education and rural practice location: a scoping review

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. My concerns about the search strategy linger. If google scholar searches cannot be replicated why do this step first (and not last)? 7 (19%) of the 37 article included in the review were not identified through the computerized search strategy but through a review of the references of selected papers. I wonder whether additional papers would have been identified had the authors reviewed the references at an earlier stage in the inclusion/exclusion process.

2. It is unclear what was abstracted and what was not. It the tables summarizing each study, some entries refer to amount of time at a location, or other detail, but others do not. If a details is not mentioned, does that mean the study itself did not address the issue, or that the authors did not include it in the table?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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