Reviewer's report

Title: The impact of physician-nurse task-shifting in primary care on the course of disease: a systematic review

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Minor essential revisions
1. It would be useful to indicate what sort of nursing staff are discussed in each article - nurse practitioners, practice nurses, registered nurses etc.
2. It is unusual to find no studies from the US met the inclusion criteria given the large number of nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists and advanced practice nurses they have working there under a fee-for-service model.
3. Abbreviations need to be removed or explained first.

Discretionary revisions
4. I may have missed it but was the review restricted to adults or were there paediatric primary care services included?

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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'