Reviewer's report

Title: The Trend and Features of Physician Workforce Supply in China: After National Medical Licensing System Reform

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Reviewer's report:
Dear author,
After reading the manuscript carefully, I found that current study provides an interesting look into newly licensee physicians' supply in a specific period of time but reported results don't significantly add something new to existing knowledge about health human resource management. Furthermore no robust statistical method was used in the study which negatively affected the strength of provided manuscript.
In the text there are multiple English writing errors which focus on the need for English editing. Introduction section is still vague in highlighting the existing problem which encouraged researchers to work on this field.
It should be notified whether authors just wanted to report annual number of physicians who were licensed and entered to work market between 2005-2015?
Didn't the researchers mention number of attrition?
Didn't the researchers use a modeling approach to forecast future supply of physicians?
Discussion section needs much work as it doesn't fit in current manner.
Limitations that are mentioned in the manuscript negatively affected its quality. Using simple headcount statistics and reporting the national census data on the field don't seem to add something new to existing literature.
Conclusion section also requires to be revised.
In the study, authors have mentioned that obtained results can suggest future trends in physicians' flow, but in my point of view, this couldn't be totally true as we certainly know that workforce flow is influenced by many factors and policies which dynamically change over time.
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