Reviewer's report

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

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Thank you for referring this manuscript for the third time! The only reason to favour publication of this work is twofold: first, that there has been no such study charting of the physician workforce supply in terms of newly licensed physicians over time since the launch of the medical licensing system in China after 2001 and, second, such investigation may inform policymakers of human resources for health in China to pay more attention to the heterogeneity of the medical education of entering physicians. However, I recommend publication ONLY upon inserting the footnote shown on methods section (page 8 manuscript) is first, incorporated as an integral part of the text (not as a footnote) and second, the WHO and ISCO two references (1 and 2, below) be properly referred to and inserted as an integral part of the list of references at end of article. I couldn't understand relation of (Netherlands, 2014) with WHO definitions as stated in author's response to review??


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