Reviewer's report

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Some of the areas for suggested further amendments/ corrections include the following:

1. Page 5, Lines 6-8 and Lines 35-39 are basically repetitions of the same statement. Either one or the other of these statements should be deleted.

2. Page 6, Line 6 remove underline under 'reported'

3. Page 6, Lines 47-56, Table one- "Survey of national nursing registers"… Since this was not done, there is added benefit to including this information to the table, reported as 0/5-There this section of the table should be deleted. The authors have provided the necessary information in the text as to why this survey was not done.

4. Page 7, Line 16 "Chukwu 2017". This is cited here as published in 2017? But is listed in References as Forthcoming??...Please cite exact source and also list as Chukwu et al... If this is the same as the reference included in the Reference list.

5. Page 13, Line 10 ; Limit this subheading to "Reliability and validity of data"

6. Page 13, Lines 11-20; this paragraph should probably be moved to the section on Limitations under "Discussion" below.

7. Page 17, Lines 6-31 ; The paragraphs should be moved up just above "Limitations" section, Since they appear to form part of the "Discussion" section

8. Page 20, Reference 14 "Chukwu et al". Is this still unpublished data?? Or a manuscript in Press??
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