Reviewer’s report

Title: Nurse staffing in large general hospitals in China: An observational study

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Reviewer: Xu Liu

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Thanks for your responses. The manuscript seems better. Just some suggestions for your consideration.

1. The conclusion of the abstract should be re-organized. You don't know whether the low staffing of nurses is a problem or not because you did not compare the adverse events between day and night shifts. Also, you do not have the evidence indicating it is necessary to set standard for different regions. Please conclude according to your results.

2. Page 3, line 30, reference is needed.

3. In paragraph 2, the sentence "In 2012,…1:8." Should be moved before "By the end of 2017, the number of …" according to the time order.

4. The first two sentences of paragraph 3 can be omitted in my opinion.

5. The fifth paragraph, why not citing the newest National Care Nursing Development Plan (2016-2020)?

6. Please consider to put paragraph 3 after paragraph 1 because these two paragraphs are about the importance of your topic. Besides,

7. The first paragraph of discussion part is too long.

8. Your explanation on the differences in the staffing of nurses among different regions do not make sense to me.

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