Reviewer’s report

Title: How have researchers defined and used the concept of “continuity of care” for chronic conditions in the context of resource-constrained settings? A scoping review of existing literature and a proposed conceptual framework

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This is a well-written manuscript on a topic that is very interesting not only from the perspective of care for chronic conditions but also towards strengthening health systems.

However, I have a major concern as follows:

The objective of the study is to clarify the concept of and describe the state of knowledge regarding the definition and use of the concept of CoC for chronic conditions in primary healthcare.

It is therefore hard to grasp how the proponents have reached the themes they gave in their results, three of which mention "researching". Perhaps the proponents can explicitly describe the theory used in reviewing the selected articles? This aspect could be made clearer so that the full article can be better understood. As it is, there seems to be a major disconnect between how the results have been stratified with the full manuscript. The manner of reviewing and analysis of the selected articles could be improved so that thematic analysis is in congruence with the objectives and the discussion - which are both centred on exploring the concept and definition of continuity of care.

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