Reviewer’s report

Title: Challenges and Opportunities towards the road of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Nepal: a systematic review

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Reviewer: Francisco Estupiñan

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Dear Authors,

At the due time, I thank you on your comment to the revision that I hope had contributed to the reachability of the results of your work to the international community reading the Archives of Public Health.

I appreciate the significant effort you have done to address all major and minor comments. I have recommended the acceptance of the manuscript for publication although there are still some, indeed minor, issues concerning orthographic or typographic errors that I would suggest to address before release.

Please, see below:

1-- In the Abstract section, page 2, line 38, by the meaning of the sentences I would say it is "(...) proportion of the population outside the country are main challenges.", and not "countries". Please, review this sentences.

2-- In the Background section, page 4, line 18, please correct "More than two-thirds of the population (...)"

3-- In the Background section, page 4, line 52, please add the denominator in "total fertility rate (TFR) 2.18/1000 women (...)"; and add also a space character behind "(...) population growth rate 1.74% [22]." in order to improve the readability of the sentence.

4-- In the Background section, page 4, lines 56 and 57. I want to apologise but I think you did not understand my comment on rephrasing this sentence as I was not suggesting to include anything here but for you to review the meaning of the text and try to rephrase it in a way it could be easily understood. Please, review and rephrase the sentence accordingly.

5-- In the Methodology section, page 5, lines 20 to 22, please put ALL the keywords reported between quotation marks.
6-- In the Methodology section, page 5, line 40, please correct the typo on "data" by "date", as you are referring in fact to the search by date.

7-- In the Results section, page 7, line 8, please separate the 3 different dimensions by ";;" as you are listing them.

8-- In the Results section, page 7, line 47, please add 'a' to the sentence "It is necessary a strong government leadership (...)"

9-- In the Discussion section, page 8, line 42, please write "Developed" on small-caps as it is not starting the sentence.

Congratulations on your study and kind regards,

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