

Reviewer's report

Title: Public-private options for expanding access to human resources for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care in the health system of Botswana

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Reviewer: James Buchan

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

p3 more information required on the survey of practitoners- what emthods were sued, what was reesponse rate, how were results analysed

mention is made of "other reserach studies" in relation to ART- are these refernces 8 and 9 or are there others that should be referenced?

does the contribution of the private sector physicians not mean that other work they were previously doing is now not done? In other words, has their shift to public funded work on ART mean that other work previously done is now not being done? And is there dual practice- ie are some of these physicians also working in public sector in any case?

Thse questions require clarififation/ answering in order to get a better assessment of the actual need for more doctors

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
some typsoe and grammatical errors- e.g "created a mechanisms" in abstract- a proof read will identify any others

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

would be helpful to nhave some more information on initial phase of the work and how the decisiosn were informed about skills transfers

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.