Reviewer’s report

Title: Somatisation: illness perspectives of asylum seeker and refugee patients from former Yugoslavia

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Reviewer: Solvig Ekblad

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General

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

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The paper aims at better understanding how asylum and refugee patients from ex-Yugoslavia who were identified by their physicians as somatising make sense of their suffering.

1. The questions are not new but well defined.
2. The qualitative method is appropriate and well described.
3. Sufficient details are provided to replicate the work.
4. The data are sound with relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.
5. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.
6. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found.
7. The English language should be checked as the authors's mother tongue seems to be French.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests