Reviewer’s report

Title: Health Related Quality of Life among Iraqi Immigrants Settled in Malaysia

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In general, I find the paper interesting and important concerning the issue of health-related quality of life and migration. I don’t find yet this paper enough adequate to be published. It needs to be rewritten. The paper suffers from major methodological problem which concerns the neglecting of certain important factors, such as sample sizes, outcome measurements and representatively of the study groups.

Major compulsory revisions:

1. It is unclear how the authors chose and allocated the Iraqi participants in Malaysia and how representative they are for Iraqi immigrants living in Malaysia?

2. How was the sample size for the Iraqi immigrants and the Malaysian general population determined?

3. Different assessment method such as face to face interview and telephone interview was used in this study. Please discuss about the potential influence of the use of different assessment methods on the results.

4. Data regarding the characteristics of the Malaysian general population sample including the number of participants should be included in table 1 and 2.

5. A multivariable analysis with adjustment for age, sex and socioeconomic factors will be quite informative and a significant addition to the paper. Moreover, it is not possible to conclude that poorer HRQOL among Iraqi immigrants compared with the Malaysian general population is affected by gender and age with t-test analysis.

6. I would like to see a stronger explanation in the background for why it is interesting to study health related quality of life among Iraqi immigrants in Malaysia.

Minor Essential Revisions

Please provide a clear explanation that allows the tables to be understood without referring to the reminder of the manuscript.
I hope that some of my comments will be helpful to the authors to improve their manuscript.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests’