Author's response to reviews

Title: Mental health of immigrants from the former Soviet Bloc: a future problem for primary health care in the enlarged European Union? A cross-sectional study

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Dear Madam/Sir,

We are happy to learn that our manuscript No. Ms 1139741791002230 Mental health of immigrants from the former Soviet Bloc: a future problem for primary health care in the enlarged European Union? A cross-sectional study has been accepted for publication in BMC Public Health.

Herewith we attach the revised manuscript. The made changes are described below.

At the same time we would like to ask you for permission to reprint this manuscript in the doctoral thesis of the first author of this manuscript, Yulia Blomstedt. Please, inform us about your decision via email sungurik@gmail.com Thank you in advance.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact the first author at the above-given email address.

Yours sincerely,

Yulia Blomstedt,
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The following changes have been done in the manuscript.

1. Affiliation has been changed from

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to

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MigraMed has been deleted due to the structural reorganization in the Center for Family and Community Medicine

2. The word “might” has been added to the last sentence in the Background description in the abstract.

It also examined the particular factors which might determine the self-reported mental health of these immigrants.

3. The word “measured” has been changed to “defined” in the first sentence in the last paragraph on page 4.

Self-reported mental health (defined here as self-reported psychiatric illness and psychosomatic complaints) was...

4. “To Sweden” has been added to the title on page 5.

Migration to Sweden from the Soviet Bloc to Sweden after 1944

5. The word “constitute” has been changed to “represent” on page 7.

However, years spent in the host country and the year of immigration may also indirectly represent the reason for migration...

6. The word “measured” has been changed to “defined” in the first sentence under the title “Dependent variables” on page 10.

Self-reported mental health was defined in the present study as self-reported psychiatric illness and psychosomatic complaints.

7. The second sentence in the second paragraph on page 15 was changed entirely into the following:

The odds of reporting psychiatric illness and/or psychosomatic complaints varied in different categories of the independent variables.
8. The sign “=” was added in all parentheses on page 17.

9. The word “ones” was changed into “variables” in the last sentence in the first paragraph on page 18.

...(*i.e. demographic and socioeconomic variables*)....

10. The word “partly” was deleted in the last sentence in paragraph 3 on page 18.

This finding was also supported by the analysis of the of hospital admissions due to mental disorders.

11. The word “all” was deleted in the first sentence in the first paragraph on page 19

...particularly difficulties of acculturation in the new country usually experienced by immigrants, defined the result...

12. The information in the parentheses after the word “Ukrainian” in the middle of the first paragraph on page 20 was deleted.

13. Point was added in the confidence interval in the third column of the last line in Table 3 (43.9-59.7)