Reviewer's report

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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General

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

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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The authors reported in their revised manuscript (page 14 second paragraph) the results of an additional analysis on the hazard ratios for hospital admission due to mental disorders among immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Why didn't they also perform such an analysis regarding the immigrants from the other Eastern Europe countries or from Poland, to see whether the results will be in line with their finding of an increased report of psychiatric illness among these immigrants.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

 Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests