Reviewer's report

Title: Providing Medical Care for Undocumented Migrants in Denmark: What Are the Challenges for Health Professionals?

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Minor Essential Revisions

1) Results, paragraph "Access to primary care". The sentence "If the GPs agreed to treat the undocumented migrant, the majority of participants expressed that there would be no difference in the medical treatment they could perform themselves in the clinic..." is unclear. What is being compared to when writing "no difference in the medical treatment"? Is it "no difference between the GPs" or "no difference from other settings"?

2) Discussion, paragraph "Quality of care". The sentence "We report that undocumented migrants have a delay in seeking medical care..." sounds very conclusive in the light that it seems to be based on one ER physicians statement. I recommend rephrasing.

3) Discussion, paragraph "Influence on health professionals", second paragraph, first sentence. It is unclear what is meant by "the provision of care is in the margins of the Danish health care system". Does it mean that the provision of care for undocumented is not an integrated part of the Danish health care system?

4) Discussion, paragraph "Implications of legislation and policy", third paragraph. Provide reference for request to and response by the National Board of Health.

Discretionary Revisions

1) Results, paragraph "Access to primary care". After the sentence "There was a difference in how willing the GPs were to treat this group of patients" an example of this provided. Also providing an example of the opposite case would make good sense in order for the reader to compare.

2) Discussion, paragraph "Influence on health professionals"

Could you title the paragraph something else/more precise? For example "Consequences for health professionals" or "How health professionals are affected".

3) Discussion, paragraph "Methodological considerations".

I suggest keeping the sentence "As previously mentioned, another explanation may be that we interviewed only those last in the chain of providing care" and
erasing the next two sentences as this has already been explained.

**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.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests