Reviewer's report

**Title:** A metasynthesis of qualitative studies regarding opinions and perceptions about barriers and determinants of health services' accessibility in economic migrants

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**Reviewer:** Marc Saez

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Authors try to describe the views of the migrants regarding barriers and determinants of access to health services in the international literature. I think the authors have been quite successful. However, I have some comments that I think could help authors.

**Major Compulsory Revisions**

1.- Authors write that 'This period was chosen since this search sought to encompass population movement linked to the massive social upheavals ans significant world conditions and migration (...) beginning in 1997' (page 7). They provide a reference for this statement De Haan, 1997.

However, why 1997? Why not 1989? (Tiananmen Square’s facts, Berlin Wall fell, etc..) or 1996? I mean, the year 1997 seems a little arbitrary and little based. For instance, it was the year 1990, which marks a turning point in the migration from East to Western Europe, including the Mediterranean countries. Authors should explain with a more detail why they use 1997 and not other alternatives.

2.- Authors provide 'Inclusion and Exclusion criteria' (pages 7 and 8).

However, it is unclear why, finally, are left with 36 of the 120 initially selected. Authors should explain the criteria used to do the final selection. For instance, give an example of an excluded paper (within those 120).

3.- Authors should explain, in the Discussion Section, possible limitations. In particular, those related with the use of only one 'leader reviewer' (page 8).

**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