Reviewer’s report

Title: Good continuum of HIV care in Belgium despite weaknesses in retention and linkage to care among migrants

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Minor essential revisions:

Figure 2 is not mentioned anywhere in the text anymore. Moreover, I think the results are no more correct due to the revised definition of linkage to care (please see my comment 2a from the previous review). Please check this and reconsider if the Figure should be left out or revised.

Discretionary revisions:

In my opinion, the method of calculating the number of diagnosed patients in 2011 is now appropriate. However, the description of the method is sometimes difficult to follow. A graphic (e.g. flowchart) could be very helpful to understand.

In follow-up to my comment 1 from the previous review, it is also not clear yet what the true outcomes and reasons for dropping out of care are for those patients who are still in the country. For example, how large proportion of the patients who are no longer in care are expected to have died? What are the reasons for the remaining patients for not being retained in care? I understand that it might not be possible to answer these questions from the available data, but some discussion could be helpful.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.