Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and care seeking for chronic diseases among Syrian refugees in Jordan

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The author has responded to most comments. However, some of the concerns raised about the discussion and conclusion sections were not addressed appropriately.

Discussion: The author should strengthen the discussion by adding information about the prevalence of NCDs among Syrian population in Syria (Syrian refugees have not been in displacement for long time compared to for example, Iraqi refugees); is it different from the prevalence reported in this study? What about other refugees in Jordan and the region? Do they face difficulties to find appropriate health care for NCDs? What is their care-seeking behavior? Internationally, the challenges of NCDs among urban refugees become evident when Iraqis fled to neighboring countries in 2003. The author can find studies on chronic conditions related to this refugee population.

Conclusion: Some ideas presented here fit better the discussion section, especially those of health financing options. User fees and out-of-pocket spending as ways to finance refugees’ health care introduced in the conclusion. It’s better to move this part to the discussion or remove it.

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.