Reviewer's report

Title: A systematic review on the use of healthcare services by undocumented migrants in Europe

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This is a systematic review of the academic literature on the use of health care services by illegal migrants in Europe - a very timely and relevant topic. The aim and methods are sufficiently described and the results are adequately presented; the discussion focuses on the data presented. However, I have only minor concerns:

- the statement by the authors that "the care received by migrants was (many times) inadequate" deserves more details in the methods and results. Was that the subjective opinion of the participants in the respective publications? In what way was the care inadequate? Is this result representative? Etc...

- In some political statements in Europe the message is transported that migrants in general are overusing the systems of social and health care. I think the authors should comment in the discussion on this discrepancy between political opinion and scientific data......

- may be the authors should consider referring to the results of the EURHUMAN project (http://eur-human.uoc.gr/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/D3_2_Final_synthesis.pdf)

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