Reviewer’s report

Title: Tuberculosis care for migrant patients in Portugal: a mixed methods study with primary healthcare providers

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The submitted manuscript, overall, presents the research approach and results in a very logical and systematic fashion. Authors were able to highlight the research question they wished to address, the tools and techniques used to answer the research question, and the data that supports the conclusion.

I would like to suggest the following refinements in the manuscript:

1. Study design (lines 83-84): In addition to the stated reason "to obtain an enriched insight and understanding of the participants' point of view", authors may want to provide a methodological grounding for their choice of a mixed methods study design. In particular, what aspect of the study aims cannot be answered by using either a survey or interview alone.

2. Sample for online survey (lines 103-104, 108-109): To provide context, authors should specify the total number of healthcare providers comprising the study population. This will allow the reader to understand the representativeness of the 120 survey responses.

3. Sampling design for online survey (lines 105-107): Authors to specify if the initial intent of the study was to carry out total enumeration, or if the team wanted to do non-probability sampling. Justification for the sampling design should be stated in the manuscript as well.

4. Data analysis for interviews (lines 150-159): Two points that require clarification: (a) Was the interview data analyzed separately from the survey data, or was the latter deliberately used to frame the emergent themes? (b) Was the coding done in vivo or were pre-defined categories identified by the research team?

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