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This study addresses a topic of potential interest to readers, that is, health issues of migrant workers. The stated aim of the study was to explore health issues of Nepalese women migrants working in Gulf countries. The report is well-organized and generally clearly written, although thorough copy editing for language use and punctuation is required. Study procedures are appropriate to the study question, but not adequately described. Results are clearly communicated; tables support the reporting of results. Some questions and suggestions are offered here in the interest of strengthening the manuscript.

p. 4. L 42 An estimated 2.5 M *Nepalese* women?

Please include data re: scope of problem, e.g., number of Nepalese women working in Middle East.

P. 6 Consider banishing the word accidents, which suggests an unpreventable situation. Consider replacing with work-related injuries.

P. 6 L 30 awkward sentence

P. 6 L 50 The aim is very vague; need to specify what concepts/variables will be examined, and what relationships will be tested.

Detailed information about measures is needed, e.g., origin of instruments, sample items, and evidence of reliability and validity.
It is not clear whether subjects consented to participation in the study.

P. 6 L 55 Readers will be unfamiliar with Nepalese castes and geography; need to explain these.

P. 7 L 21 It is unclear how these remarks fit with the paragraph.

The phrase, medical report failed, is unclear.

The variables named in the result section are not defined.

P. 8 L 35 It is unclear why this section appears under the heading socio-demographics, rather than health status.

P. 9 L 48 What is paid conditionally?

P. 9 L 6 A graphic displaying your model would be helpful.

P. 11 Some results reported are not supported by data, e.g., L 42; it is not clear how this sentence contributes to the paragraph.

Limitations of the study are not addressed.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

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Yes

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