**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** A study of Health Problems of Nepalese Female Migrants Workers in the Middle-East and Malaysia

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**Reviewer:** Alison Reid

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This is an interesting paper about a topical subject of which we know very little. However much more information is required about the methods of the study so that the reader can adequately assess your findings.

Detailed comments follow.

Title - Typo in title (female migrants workers)

Methods

More information about who the study participants are is required.

Who are these women? Why are they living in an emergency shelter?

How representative are these women to all women who migrate out of Nepal for work? Are your results generalizable?

What is the aim of this study? What is your research question? What is your hypothesis/es?

You have not defined any of your variables - you should define all variables you include in your analysis - either in a table or as text in the methods section.

Specifically you need to define your outcome variable - what do you mean by health problems?

More detail on your statistical analysis is needed - what method did you use to determine your multivariate models?
Results

Paragraph 3. This paragraph is difficult to follow because you are discussing occupational health issues as health problems, e.g. abuse at work is not a health problem but an occupational health and safety problem, similarly as is torture in the workplace. It is not clear what are your dependent and independent variables? It would be clearer if you separated out health problems from occupational health and safety problems and discussed them separately.

Multivariate analysis - what did you adjust for in your models? What do you mean by those working for unlimited periods of time (all these variables should be defined in your methods section). Similarly, what does paid conditionally mean?

Discussion

This discussion needs to have more structure - it is difficult to follow as it is. I have listed a source below that describes how to set out a discussion for a scientific paper

The case for structuring the discussion of scientific papers" | The BMJ www.bmj.com/content/318/7193/1224 by M Docherty - 1999

First paragraph of your discussion should summarise the main findings of your study.

When you make statements like " there has been significant increase in the number of permits acquired by Nepalese women over the years" - we need to know what time frame you are talking about - and what the increase has been.

You have not discussed the strengths or limitations of the study - in particular how the limitations may have impacted on your findings.

Are your results likely to reflect the situation for most female Nepalese migrants?
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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