Reviewer's report

Title: Assessing refugee healthcare needs in Europe and implementing educational interventions in primary care: a focus on methods

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The current structure of the article is much improved and the reframing as a methods paper was an excellent suggestion by the other reviewer; the importance and relevance of the work comes out very clearly. I do however have some additional suggestions for clarifying the text further, which are detailed below.

The inclusion of the flowchart with the different elements of the program was very helpful. It would be even more helpful if you indicated in the text when you are referring to the different elements of the flowchart. I found myself going back and forth between the text and the chart and at times being unable to determine which actions belonged to which element of the chart.

I am still not clear on what PLA actually is or rather what people actually do in PLA. Can a brief description of the actual activities be provided to explain how this methodology elicits evidence and guides decision making? I think you are referring to guided discussions but a little more information is still needed. Likewise, NPT requires a sentence explaining what this actually is.

Similarly, I was still somewhat confused about which parts of the activity are the PLA and who was involved, and which part of the flowchart it represented. Is it WP2? Was the 2 day training on Lesvos for actors (p 7) a training for facilitators from all countries, with the people trained in Lesvos then spreading out to all of the refugee centres in all 7 countries?

Thank you for clarifying the population focus. On page 5, lines 28 and 29, you indicate the focus is on refugees but that other migrants may also be the focus so it seems it is not refugee specific. Thus although you do not indicate if asylum seekers are also included, I assume that this is the case; it may be helpful to indicate this.

Is the literature review described on pages 9-10 published somewhere? If so, please cite it.

On page 13 you describe a pilot conducted in Greece. It leaves the reader curious about the results of the pilot, since these reflect the success of the program. How was it evaluated and what
was the plan for utilizing the findings of the pilot? A brief comment addressing this seems to be called for.

You indicate that the project engaged refugees from multiple backgrounds and languages but I notice your consent forms were only translated into English, Arabic and Farsi. I assume this reflects the make up of the refugee sample. Can you comment on this?

Finally, there are still a number of typographical and writing errors and incomplete sentences; I am wondering if perhaps there was a malfunction in an editing program that left sentence fragments in the text that were supposed to be deleted? I have highlighted these in the manuscript, attached.

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