Reviewer’s report

Title: MEDICAL DIASPORA: AN UNDERUSED ENTITY IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES’ HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

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Reviewer's report:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this revised manuscript. I believe that your revisions made the paper much stronger - you now provide rationale for your study and make it clear why the inventory of medical diaspora is needed.

I felt that your background section is strong, the results are organized well, and the discussion is interesting and engaging.

My remaining concern about your paper is still your methodological approach. In particular, I feel that I am still missing some pieces of information related to the search that you conducted to identify diaspora organization. Probably because PRISMA charts are so wide spread and so familiar to me, I cannot help but wonder about the "missing" information from the methods. Specifically, since you now identified how many databases you searched, I am wondering how many references you found in each one, how many were duplicates, how many were excluded and how did you arrive to the number of 130 initially and then later to 89? I tried some of your searches and still got over a million hits on Google alone. Did you really go through ALL of them or was there some sort of approach to selecting the key sites to look at? Who was doing the screening? One person? Two people? How many references were omitted because they did not have active webpages?

Also, in your abstract, you refer to conducting a qualitative content analysis, but in the methods, you do not mention how the actual analysis was conducted (and if it was). Perhaps you can clarify this as well.

In addition, here are some small points that I wanted to bring to your attention:
Background:

Page 4 - lines 2-3 -definition of medical diaspora - based on your definition, medical diaspora would refer to an organization of physicians who came from different countries. If this is your intention, it is ok, but if you refer to medical diaspora as a community of immigrant physicians sharing the SAME ethnic origins, you might want to rephrase it.

Methods:

Page 6 line 3 - organizations' needs an apostrophe, I believe or the sentence needs rephrasing

Page 6, lines 18-19 - I think you ought to change "even though" to "because"

Overall, I thought that your paper was written well. Since you have added a rationale, it clearly articulates the need for the medical diasporas' inventory. Your discussion raises some important points for the readers to reflect on as well. I hope that my comments will be of use to you.

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