

Review of: "The Support and Rehabilitation of Refugees – Personal Opinion and Experience"

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Dr. Kelly, please see my supportive recommendations, which are mostly language suggestions:

1) This powerful and inspiring story could benefit from adding context to the title: Perhaps you might consider a title that clarifies who and what:

(Idea: "International Clinicians and Academics Supporting the Refugee Journey- A Personal Experience and Perspective").

This paper was beyond a mere reflection of your experience, it was an example of the power of "collective good" and how much can be accomplished when we all come together, for the sake of humanity, despite overwhelming challenges.

2) Using the word 'perspective' in the title and paper might be a more effective word than "opinion". The word "opinion" often has negative connotations, as opinions are often uninformed. And you are VERY informed!

3) The term "looking after" is what caregivers do. As a physician, would you say you were a "medical volunteer?" It would be nice for you to state early in the article your professional role at the end of sentence 3 with simply a comma, "as a _____".

4) The first line of the Abstract could be more direct: "Life is not easy for anyone."

5) At the end of the Abstract-- opinion and experience-- I would shift to: experience and perspective as experience comes before one forms a perspective.

6) The poem: Great poem!!! Perhaps you might consider keeping the first stanza...it says it all! The second stanza makes it rather long. Perhaps you could end your paper with the 2nd stanza? Keeping it all or splitting it in two is not such a critical point....therefore, you will decide which you prefer. I am just providing a "readers view".

7) Under the Syria/Iraq section, perhaps you can clarify who "we" is. Did you go as citizens? Under an NGO or organization? As a reader, I'd like to know who the team is early in the article to provide context. I am aware that you mention it later, but at this point I was asking myself who the team was and how did they "just go there".

8) Closing:

Dr. Kelly.....it was a privilege to review your paper! Powerful story! Powerful work!

I lost myself in your

journey! Thank you for your service!

Having worked with unaccompanied minors in Greece, within a psychoeducational context, I understand the challenges of mobilizing so many professionals for these complex collective efforts. Well done!