

Review of: "Length of stay of patients in Acute Medicine Units at the Royal Hospital, Sultanate of Oman in one month"

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Interesting topic but the manuscript needs a lot of work. My suggestions/ comments are as follows:

1. Strengthen your section on methodology / methods:

- describe your hospital setting
- where is this AMU? Is it a part of the Emergency Department? The floors?
- how are patients admitted to the AMU - is it via the ED? Are these patients waiting for admission to the floors? Or is your AMU the ED of your hospital?

All these need to be clearly stated. Without these, I cannot picture the flow of patients nor the functioning of the AMU.

2. Define your "AMU" - include what the unit does, it's staffing and turn around times for tests. Worthwhile describing who staffs this AMU... These will help put together "why" length of stay was shorter.

3. Do you have data from the times when there was no AMU? Citing those will give a better picture.