

Review of: "Characterization of Workplace Violence in Healthcare Workers at an Emergency Room in Bogotá, Colombia"

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Greetings investigators and co-investigators

It is a very good idea of investigation, with scarce of information about the issue in the country, what makes it a research niche that must be developed

There are some shortcomings that threaten the validity of the study, and that must be taken into account by the research group with the intention of improving the paper.

Objectives: There is lack of an specific objective for characterize the studied population.

Methods:

What was the purpose of this search strategy and how does it fit into the current study?

Has the used questionnaire been validated elsewhere in the local population or similar?

The information about the questionnaire used in this research is crucial and a very important issue in the methodology. Be more clear and precise about the description of the process, and validation process if it was performed.

Was there a pilot for the performance evaluation of the survey?

Was this study reviewed and authorized by an IRB?

Results: Information presented in Table 1 showed that 62.5 % of the surveyed were students, last year students 5.7 %, residents 17.1%, EMPs 2.8%, and the rest were nursing staff. GPs are not represented in the questionnaire. Is this sample representative from the population?

Discussion: Please verify syntax. Also verify used terms, some of them don't fit in the phrases and ideas.

In general, the wording and syntax must be reviewed to give coherence and make the ideas clear.