

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

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Dear authors,

thank you for your work, which has the merit to promote the scientific attention on a neglected topic of the literature. Here below my main comments, hopefully they can help improving the manuscript and developing new insights:

-english fluency, I would suggest revising the English fluency of the manuscript

-study protocol, it is important to specify if the translated version of the questionnaire has been validated. In order to translate a questionnaire, there is a specific procedure involving first a translation then a back translation into the original language in order to check if the two versions are comparable.

-results, the first question a reader can raise is why only 35 persons responded to the questionnaire? Do you have some hypothesis? How many people received the questionnaire?

-results, second question. The participants responded that reporting the violence would probably affect their careers. The majority of participants were students with 0-5 years of experience. Is it possible that the participants, in responding to the questionnaire, are highlighting two different phenomena: the violence patients-practitioners and the violence junior practitioners-senior practitioners? Do you have some hypothesis?

Concluding, it would be important to better understand the “affective atmosphere” of the institution in which the work has been carried out, in order to make sense of this violence, and promote change. Until this violence will be kept split from the rest of the institution it will be re-enacted. When this violence will be re-integrated and worked-through, it will vanish.

Thank you