

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

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Overall

Interesting, although small, study looking at workplace violence against healthcare workers in Columbia. The survey and results seem to be based on sound science. I have provided comments to showcase the results better so that the information can be easily understood and the article have more impact. Specifically, the tables should be redone, potentially as figures. Additionally, the results should be detailed in the text, not just a high-level overview. The text of the article should contain all of the details, not just the figures.

I recommend this article be accepted with minor changes.

Abstract

-(HSUI) not needed here because acronym not used again in abstract

-what is the difference between 'physician' and 'practitioner' ? Do you mean staff?

-WPV needs to be spelled out

- Sentences cannot start with a number, must spell out "thirty-five"

-These statements need % added that you measured in the study, or if you did not measure them, should be more general statements like "this is likely to have had a negative impact" etc.

"This has a significant negative impact on mental and psychological well-being.

Some participants did not feel comfortable reporting the incidence of violence to their authorities due to the belief that no legal actions against the perpetrator, lack of organizational support, and fear that the appraisal or promotion avenues would be affected."

Methods

-search strategy for general information not needed.

-what is “good” internal consistency and validity? Please add numbers

Results

-use past tense for everything. “The participants were 18-50 years old” etc.

-many more results are displayed in table 2 than described in the text. Please expand your reporting of the results

Table 1

-if the category is 0 it should be removed from the table/grouped with others. Example, 40+ as a single groups, security guard removed

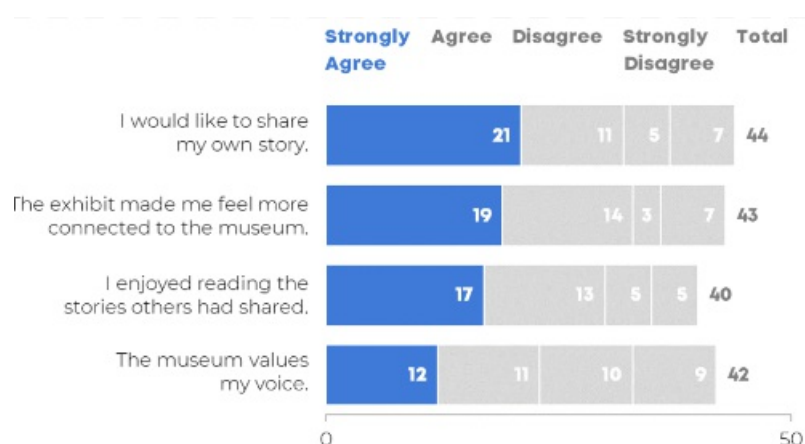
-marital status should be a Yes/No category. It appears that this data is missing and accidentally replaced by the professional qualification data (which is duplicated).

-also please review percentages: 25 women participated but it is labeled as 2.8%

Table 2

-this is much too long and should be broken up by sections.

-additionally, these should be modified to be more visual, for example bar charts. This will make it easier to understand and more impactful



Discussion

-your study did not adjust exposure by gender nor report on that. However, your sample is more women than men. Modify this statement accordingly.

-I recommend you focus on your results and then say “this was also seen in other studies” and cite the authors. As is, this section is too focused on other studies and I can’t really tell what your results are.

-the sentence “one remark made by one of the residents...” should go in the results section. Were there other comments? This is interesting and worth reporting on.

-mitigation strategies needs it’s own section in the results. Once moved, you could discuss challenges faced in implementing mitigation strategies found in the literature.

-one of your objectives was to define the prevalence of WPV, however prevalence was not mentioned in the results/discussion. Please describe or explain why you were unable to measure in the limitations.

Appendix 1

-not needed