

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

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The paper addresses a very important occupational health problem and is well written. The authors have made a thorough bibliographic search that resulted in a clear and comprehensive introduction.

Despite these valuable aspects, the study findings have been described before and I do not think it brings new solutions to the serious problem of workplace violence in healthcare. The authors should have defined a study hypothesis beforehand and developed their work around it.

Nevertheless, the study conclusions can be extremely valuable for the management of this specific hospital. It provides a perfect picture for decision makers to tackle the problem and work on tailored solutions. Having organizational value is different from having scientific value.

Final constructive remarks: the word "manipulate" is probably not the best choice to describe data handling/analysis, for publication purposes it is important to use local language validated tools and the statistical analysis should be more complete.