

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

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This cross-section study reported a survey of workplace violence in an emergency department in Colombia, and the main results were “approximately 91.4% of the staff have experienced verbal altercations at their workplace, and 17.1% have experienced physical violence.” The authors’ efforts may be appreciated, but the study suffers from some serious limitations.

1. the sample size has been small, with only 35 participants, and the response rate was unknown as the total number of staff in the department was not reported.
2. Of the 35 participants, 22 were students, which further raised questions about the representatives of the participants.

Other minor comments for the manuscript improvement:

1. Please check the % for gender in Table 1. Women 2.8% and men 28.5%, which seem far from correct.
2. Page 2, paragraph 1: “Violence against health workers is a rapidly rising global problem”: Please provide references, and discuss whether the rapid increase has been a consequence of more complete reporting or true increase of incidents.
3. Page 2, last paragraph: “A study conducted in Egypt last year stressed ...” may be revised as “A study conducted in Egypt in 2022 stressed ...”. People may read your paper in future years (e.g., 2025 or 2030).
4. Please provide rationale or purpose of your “search strategy”. This is a cross sectional study, why a literature search strategy is required.