

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

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The limitations of this study are well highlighted by the authors themselves. The low participation of doctors (1) and nurses (4) makes it unreliable for assessing the problem. In my opinion the sample must be increased, probably for this reason it was not possible to carry out a statistical analysis of the data. I believe that the study could still have been useful in developing the questionnaire and perhaps would be interesting only if it were limited to the experience of students and postgraduates. A category that in any case should be highly protected and never left alone to operate in an emergency department even if the needs of care often make it necessary. Even if the topic is current and interesting, the study cannot be accepted for publication in this form. I would suggest changing the scope of the work by investigating the employment of young doctors and women in the emergency departments and the issues related to guaranteeing them maximum security in particular social context. It is also a problem of experience and competences (communication and situational awareness) the capacity to reduce the risk of aggressions.