Reviewer's report

**Title:** The effect of anaesthetist grade and frequency of insertion on epidural failure: a service evaluation in a United Kingdom teaching hospital.

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The manuscript was sensibly improved: measured outcomes and study limitations as well as figures are clearer. I am still not fully convinced that study aim to evaluate “whether increasing operator seniority or frequency of insertion was associated with increasing success rates” do fully match with results. This paper has in my opinion an high potential to add interesting clues to current knowledge on points of strength and weakness in epidural analgesia performance that were not fully exploited.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'