Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of a standardised intramuscular sedation protocol for violence and acute behavioural disturbance in the emergency department

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This study has some methodological concerns. Why did only 27% get the protocol for IM sedation in the study population? Why were so many patients rejected from analysis (72) in the new protocol? There was no analysis of the amount of IM medication given to the patients? Why did security be the time keepers? What criteria was used to determine the need for treatment?

This study may be better written as a letter to the editor or concept paper on the treatment of agitated patients using a treatment protocol.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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