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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Reviewer: Thomas Elbert

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1) In my view, the authors have adequately dealt with both original comments. Referee 2 suggested to present data relating to need for repeated doses as a logistic regression analysis, which I thought was a good idea. The authors chose not to follow this advise. Their reasons can be debated, but may be acceptable, as the study can give only suggestive evidence rather than evidence based on a controlled trial. It is therefore NOT necessary to consult a statistical advisor.

2) Referee 1 (Leslie Zun) raises new concerns on the revised ms. I think that these can be easily clarified by the authors in a final revision. No additional review would be necessary.

My recommendation is to accept the paper, but give the authors the possibility to revise their wording such that misunderstandings, indicated by referee 1’s re-review can be clarified.