Reviewer's report

Title: Withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining therapy in a Moroccan Emergency Department: An observational study

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The authors conducted an unicenter prospective survey on withholding and withdrawing life support therapies in a busy Moroccan Emergency Department during a five month period. The question posed by the authors is well defined, methods including statistical analysis are appropriate and well described. The study has been approved by an ethical committee.

Results showed that a decision to withhold or withdraw life support therapies was taken in 30% of dying patients during the study period. Clinical factors associated with such a decision are well expressed in the text and in tables and are consistent with previous published studies.

The manuscript fit relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.

The discussion is too long and has to be reduced. Furthermore, I'm not sure that the sentence "Citizen of Arab Muslim countries are governed by the Sharia law" is correct. The Sharia is of major importance for theses countries but each one has laws that govern the everyday life and they are different from a country to another. Please, be more clear on this fact.

Limitations of the work are clearly stated. The authors acknowledge previous published works and thee bibliography seems correct.

Title and abstract accurately convey with the text

However, the writing is not in fact completely correct and the whole manuscript has to be reviewed. By example, abbreviations are not allowed in the summary, chirurgical is not an English word and has to be replaced by surgical...etc

In conclusion, the authors have realized a well constructed study and have obtain innovative results. The paper could be accepted for publication after some minor essential revisions.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.