Reviewer’s report

Title: Prehospital Ultrasound in North America: Current use and future possibilities

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Overall, the purpose of the study is clear and the objectives of the study are relevant. The study method seems appropriate for the study but it carries several limitations that can adversely impact the validity of their data.

The writing is clear, but there are many unnecessary discussions in the method section that can be condensed. The study should focus on the main findings with a shorter method section and overall 2-3 pages article as a brief report.

– The title is clear but it is not precisely represent the article’s content.
– The abstract need to be more focused and relevant aspects of the topic and should avoid a lengthy objective at the beginning and should include a clearly discernible hypothesis.
– The study design and experimental methods should be condensed.
– Author should pick one terminology for the ultrasound and stick with it throughout the manuscript.
– The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and but should be toned down considering the significant limitations of the study.

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.