Reviewer's report

Title: The nature and causes of unintended events reported at ten emergency departments

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Reviewer: Charles Vincent

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My earlier review concluded that the study was of high standard and well conducted, but suggested that the discussion and conclusions could be more developed, particularly as regards the implications of the findings.

The authors have responded with a comprehensive and thoughtful addition to the discussion and, as far as I can see, have dealt effectively with the other reviewers' comments. I agree with the authors incidentally that they should not assess error rates (Reviewer 2) for the reasons they give.

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 I have no competing interests