Reviewer's report

**Title:** An intervention study to improve hand hygiene in the emergency department: getting to the point

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**Reviewer:** Arjun Venkatesh

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**General:**

The authors have revised their original submission in a new frame that I now believe is suitable for publication given the focus on workload reduction and the impact on HH compliance.

A few revision suggestions:

I am not sure what word limitations exist, but the Limitations section would benefit by more description of each limitation, for example rather than just noting that the study is single center it would be nice for the authors to describe the actual generalizability limitations of this, etc.

In conclusion I would recommend not concluding with “cost effective” which implies a type of study method and instead say efficient solution or something to that end.

Figure 1: please check for typos in capitalization and spelling of word “flowchard” as flowchart and “intravasal” as intravenous

**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

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