Reviewer’s report

Title: Requirements for improved detection of child abuse and overcoming barriers to reporting

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# It seems that there is a bias in the selection of the sample. It is necessary to explain how the interviewed persons are selected. There are included 7 Hospitals and 33 professionals of different categories. How have decided the participants of every Hospital?

# There are professionals with two interviewers and others with one. The reason has to be explained in methods

# The category of the interviewed experts has to be explained in methods, not in results.

# In the discussion it is detailed: “None of the participating hospitals had a structured training program for the detection of child abused children”; nevertheless, this information does not appear in the results

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 that I have no competing interests