Reviewer's report

**Title:** Attitudes of clinical staff towards the causes and management of aggression in acute old age psychiatry inpatient units

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**Reviewer:** David Pulsford

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Overall this paper is now much better focused and in my view pretty much ready for publication.

Discretionary revisions:

1. I'm still a bit bemused that a 4-point likert scale was used as this hasn't been done in other MAVAS studies. If this is the version the team were given then so be it, but the team might want to comment on this.

2. The team might want to say a bit more in the discussion/conclusion regarding the implications of their findings - do the staff attitudes identified represent positive attitudes regarding aggression management with this client group?

3. Some awkward language in places could be edited a bit

**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 that I have no competing interests