Reviewer's report

Title: Use of Emergency department services by women victims of violence in Lazio region, Italy.

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The manuscript has been improved, it is a very important study on violence at an ER. The methods are appropriate, much improved and well written, based on sound data. The title and abstract are according to the content of the study. Lastly, the discussion can mention more limitations e.g. the validity of the registration data (EIS) on diagnosis and procedures based on ICD-9-CM.

I also find the tables 2 (why is the number of previous ED visits exactly the same = 6963 in the women VV and the controls) and 3a and 3b not clear. Table 4: delete the ICD-9-CM codes to make the table more easy to understand.

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.'