Reviewer's report

Title: Doctor as Criminal: Reporting of Patient Deaths to the Police and Criminal Prosecution of Healthcare Providers in Japan

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Reviewer: Anna Mavroforou

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In the ABSTRACT the last two sentences of BACKGROUND is a repetition of the METHODS. I would suggest that this should remain in the METHODS and instead of in the BACKGROUND it should be replaced by one sentence giving what was the AIM of this study.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests