Reviewer's report

Title: Workplace violence against physician and nurses in Palestinians public hospitals: A retrospective cross-sectional study

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Minor Essential Revisions

Workplace violence against healthcare workers has become a main issue of concern as it is increasingly common.

This is a well written paper.

Comments:

1. A response rate of 88.7% in unusually high and the absence of missing data is noticeable. How did the authors reach this response rate?

Was the questionnaire failed out during a face to face interview or were the questionnaires sent by mail?

2. On page four at the end of the second paragraph it is written "in the Arab region also there is limited research on violence in the health care setting". Maybe that is so, however, still most of the reports about this phenomenon are from Arab regions.

3. When presenting data in the text "(n=)" needs to be included not just the percentages. This needs to be consistent throughout the paper.

4. Please explain (*) at the top right side of table No. 5.

5. There is a (*) missing on table No. 6, top right column "nonphysical".

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