Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns of team communication in a busy Emergency Department

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Reviewer: Cynthia Webster

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Communication networks is an important concern for medical practitioners and researchers and worthy of additional exposure in the medical journals. This paper focuses on a communication within an emergency room context and examines the structure of communication revolving around general problems, medical advice and social interaction over a three month period. As it stands the paper is of limited interest as it is mainly descriptive and makes no attempt to relate the reported communication structure to any dependent variable (e.g., efficiency, number of patients treated, ...) or other communication measures (e.g., formal documented reporting procedures or observations of communication).

(Please find my review attached with specific issues to be addressed.)

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'