Reviewer’s report

Title: Disaster resilience in tertiary hospitals: A cross-sectional survey in Shandong Province, China

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This study was designed to explore the status of resilience among tertiary hospitals in Shandong Province of China. In this study, authors investigated the current status of hospital disaster resilience in Shandong province using a questionnaire composed by 8 key domains. It is a well designed descriptive study. The result of this study will be helpful for improving the disaster rescue system of tertiary hospitals.

There are several aspects need to be improved:

1. Selection bias: There are 96 tertiary hospitals including 82 Grade A, and 11 Grade B hospitals, 50 were randomly selected. Of the 50 selected hospitals, 41 (82%) responded to this survey. The hospitals responded to this survey might have a relative good backgrounds of disaster rescue.

2. The author mentioned that different levels or types of hospitals varied in the investigated 8 domains. As different levels or types of hospitals may exert divergent functions in the disaster rescue, it might be improper to mix all the hospitals together.

Decision: Minor Essential Revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.