Reviewer's report

Title: How risky is caring for emergency patients at risk of malpractice litigation: a population based epidemiological study of Taiwan's experiences

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This is a paper that investigates an interesting issue. This paper is well written and the authors have followed a sound methodology. My comments are the following:

Major compulsory revisions

1. The authors refer their results to the period from 1998-2002 in a paper that has been submitted for publication in the year 2009. In a rapidly changing environment as it is the medical litigation the results of this study may be obsolete in the year 2009. The authors should extend their study in order to cover the period 2003 - 2008.

2. The references are limited as number and many of them are quite old to be usable and representative in the current practice.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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