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 paper is just a report on the incidence of litigation raised in emergency care patients as compared to birth patients in Taiwan.

The results show that emergency care doctors face very low risk for lawsuit claims and thus I doubt about the conclusion of this paper that because of the high numbers of emergency care patients this risk may be pronounced leading the emergency care physicians to adopt a defensive medicine. Therefore the conclusion should be modified based on the findings of this study without having a speculative part not supported by the data.

Finally I still believe that because in this report only the incidences transpired in the period of 1998 to 2002 have been included this may not present an updated data on the current trend in Taiwan.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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