Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Diagnostic error in the emergency department: learning from national patient safety incident report analysis

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**Reviewer:** John David Halamka

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The article is well executed and the conclusions are appropriate. To me, the subject is the categorization of errors in the emergency department, not a comparison to inpatient rates. Thus, I'd recommend removing two sentences which seem unrelated to the article.

Diagnostic error occurs more frequently in the emergency department than in regular in-patient hospital care.

Diagnostic error occurs more frequently in emergency departments than in the recorded 10-15% of adverse medical events for routine hospital in-patient hospital care.

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