Reviewer's report

Title: First line in psychiatric emergency: Pre-hospital emergency protocol for mental disorders in Iran

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Reviewer: Alaa Oteir

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Dear editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the manuscript entitled "First line in psychiatric emergency: Pre-hospital emergency protocol for mental disorders in Iran" (EMMD-D-19-00189). Overall the manuscript aims are very important for the Iranian EMS system. However, the paper needs some major changes to qualify for publications. Some suggestions and edits are below:

* Abstract: there is a typo (results" instead of result.)
* P4Line 35: please rephrase "Emergency personnel encounter have many challenges in managing"
* P4Line 50: and physiological and pathological
* P5L55: any MeSH terms used?
* P7L16-30: need to be rephrased
* Methods: Any evaluation of the quality of the included articles?
* Page 8L26: need a transitional sentence.
* Need a diagram showing the numbers of articles retrieve, removed and included at different stages. This should also include how many and why some articles were excluded.
* P10L39: should be written in a more scientific way
* P10L53: this reads repetitive
* P11L24-37: information need to be cited
* P12L12: rephrase
* P12L29-30: references needed
* Where there any attempts to review other protocols in well developed EMS systems?
* No report of limitations
* Ethical approval: There was no patients included. Who are the participants, do you mean the expert panel? And why they need to provide a consent?
* Suggest to add a table of keywords or an example of the search strategy
* A table summarising the included studies/books should be included in an appendix
* Table 2: how come medical status includes head trauma?
* Table5: Suggest to check PMS, as well as pulse
* P19L49: Need to spell out PCP

Sincerely yours

Alaa Oteir, PhD
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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