Reviewer's report

Title: Violence against health care workers in China, 2013-2016: Evidence from the national judgment documents

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Thank you very much for sending me the article entitled "Violence against health care workers in China, 2013-2016: Evidence from the national judgment documents"

There are some comments about the article as the followings:

In recent years, frequent workplace violence has become an important social issue, seriously affecting the relationship between doctors and patients and medical order. It also affected the morale of the doctors. This is a very good topic.

At present, as far as I know, China has not established a WPV reporting system covering the whole country. Therefore, it is a good choice to use the data of national judgment documents for research.

There is a question to discuss with the authors: whether it is necessary to add to the limitations that the Chinese are not the preferred court in the process of resolving medical disputes. They may prefer to negotiate with the hospital and resort to the law when the negotiations fail to reach an agreement.

This is a very interesting topic. The authors also have some important findings, but the discussion part fails to fully discuss the research results. I suggest that it can be discussed in more depth.

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