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Dear Editor

SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPT:

CRITICAL APPRAISAL: ADEQUACY OF REPORTING STUDIES ON EARLY WARNING SCORE SYSTEMS

I should like to submit this manuscript for your consideration.

Routine monitoring of patients' clinical and physiological status by nurses includes the use of vital signs (observations) charts for recording findings. Charts that incorporate early warning score (EWS) systems are designed to 'track' signs of deterioration and 'trigger' a rapid response. However, published studies of EWS systems are of limited benefit if reporting of these studies is inadequate. Authors and peer reviewers are encouraged to use reporting guidelines to improve the quality of reporting.

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I should be grateful for your comments on the suitability of this paper for publication in Trends in Nursing and should welcome your advice.

Regards

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