Reviewer's report

Title: How many general and inflammatory variables need to be fulfilled when defining sepsis due to the 2003 SCCM/ESICM/ACCP/ATS/SIS definitions in critically ill surgical patients: a retrospective observational study

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Reviewer's report:

The authors have done a very nice job and the revision is excellent. The topic discussed is if high clinical importance and this article really brings new information that might be clinically important and might also be incorporated in new standards.

I have no specific comment.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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