Reviewer's report

Title: End-of-life practices in Danish ICUs: development and validation of a questionnaire

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The authors describe the development of questionnaire on end-of-life issues. The results of the questionnaire have already been published (Jensen ICM ref 16 of the manuscript), so that this is a methodology paper (and a bit of salami publication, I am afraid: this could have been part of the main paper).

I do not think anesthesiologists are interested in these issues: this is for a journal specialized in these aspects.

Minor comment:
Introduction, first sentence: rates of 35% are quite outdated or coming from other regions of the globe – limiting the figures to the Western world may be preferable.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

no COI