Reviewer's report

Title: Ward staff education on severe sepsis/septic shock and mortality of ward patients: an original hypothesis.

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Reviewer: Emanuel Rivers

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This paper is very interesting and important.

Major Compulsory Revisions

There should be a flow diagram to describe and detail the methodology. This should include the implementation and time period.

The authors should provide baseline demographics and data used to compare groups so that the reader can examine and compare to other studies.

The actual mortality at baseline and after the education process should be provided.

The discussion is prolonged and would be more interesting if more data was provided in the results and discussed.

Other articles have examined similar concepts and should be reviewed to improve the discussion.1-6


**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no conflicts of interests related to this publication.