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Dear Editor,

Please consider our manuscript titled, “Development, validation, and results of a survey to measure understanding of cardiopulmonary resuscitation choices among ICU patients and their surrogate decision makers” for publication in BMC Anesthesiology.

While code status conversations are both common and important in the ICU, existing surveys to measure patient/surrogate knowledge of CPR in the ICU are limited. We developed, validated, and administered a survey instrument to test knowledge of CPR and code status options in the ICU. We feel that the development of this instrument has a high chance of being integrated into future studies attempting to improve CPR knowledge with an ultimate goal to improve CPR shared decision making in the ICU.

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Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

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