Reviewer’s report

Title: Head CT is of limited diagnostic value in critically ill patients who remain unresponsive after discontinuation of sedation

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The manuscript has been much improved after taking into account the reviewers’ comments.

Major revision
At the end of the introduction section, the authors give their major result and conclusion. It is rather unusual and it is not the purpose of the introduction to expose results. The sentences from “We found that head-CT …” to “sedative infusions” should be deleted.

Minor comments
The authors emphasize the increased incidence of coagulopathy in their patients population. I am not sure that it is really relevant. I understand that doctors may be afraid of an intracranial bleeding in case of coagulopathy but it is usually associated with a focal neurologic deficit.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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