Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions

In figure 1, the data reported on the Y axis should be the cumulative number of lives saved per ICU bed (not predicted minus observed deaths). In fact, VLAD measures performance as number of lives saved: if the patient survives his risk of death is added; if the patient dies, (1- his risk of death) is subtracted. Moreover, I suggest to insert four arrows to indicate the end of the time to implement each protocol.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests.