Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Clinical and Temporal Patterns of Severe Pneumonia Causing Critical Illness during Hajj

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**Reviewer:** Shevin Jacob

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I am happy with the revisions made by the authors in this version of the manuscript.

Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore):

1. Under Results>Clinical Outcomes, do you mean to compare actual short term mortality with predicted long term mortality? Wouldn’t it make more sense to compare actual short term mortality with predicted short term mortality?

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct):

1. Under Methods>Study Subjects and Data Collection, ‘Collected data was reviewed’ should be ‘Collected data were reviewed’ (p. 9, 4th line from bottom)
2. Figures need to be renumbered to correspond to numbering in text. Figure 2 should be 2a, 3 should be 2b and 4 should be 3.

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

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

**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.