Reviewer's report

Title: A program for sustained improvement in preventing ventilator associated pneumonia in an intensive care setting

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The manuscript has significantly improved after being revised.

Most raised issues have now been clarified. Nevertheless, it needs some minor essential revisions, which are mentioned below:

In the Abstract Results section:

“We found VAP rates of 1.3 and 2.0 per 1,000 ventilator days respectively in 2009 and 2010, achieving zero incidence of VAP during 12 months, with a VAP bundle compliance over 90%”

It is probably a sentence problem, but by reading this, it seems like you had a period of 12 months where there was no VAP, and in fact, there is no data to support this and I don't think it is what you mean...

I suggest that you change the sentence to

“...achieving zero incidence of VAP several times during 12 months, whenever VAP bundle compliance was over 90%”

But in the end, it is only a suggestion and perhaps an interpretation issue (which may happen to another one reading the paper).

- In the Discussion section, the unavailability of demographic data for non-VAP cohort should be stated as a study limitation.

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 I have no competing interests