Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Jordi Rello

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There have been significant improvements to this manuscript since the first version.

I have only minor corrections to point out (which I list below)

Minor Essential revisions

1. On page 3

“Recent studies describe a rate of 1 to 4 cases per 1,000 ventilator-days, although this can reach up to 10 cases per 1,000 ventilator-days in neonates and surgical patients”

Replace with

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2. On page 9

“Getting to zero VAP for one or more months has occurred since 2009…”

Replace with

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I have no further comments on the authors’ work, acknowledging its relevant for the subject of VAP prevention.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'