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This article describe a large cohort of patients with severe falciparum malaria requiring ICU managed at a national referral centre for tropical medicine in the United Kingdom.

It provides important information on the impact of ethnicity on severe malaria, rates of concomitant bacteremia in cases requiring ICU admission, validation of proposed clinical scoring systems and data on both ICU and overall outcomes for patients with the most severe manifestations of this common imported tropical infection. It is of interest to the general infectious diseases doctor, specialists in tropical medicine, intensive care physicians and all physicians involved in the management of patients returning from abroad. We believe it would be of broad interest to a wide range of readers.