Reviewer's report

Title: Autonomic nervous system dysfunction predicts poor prognosis in patients with mild to moderate tetanus

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None

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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Perhaps I was not sufficiently clear about autonomic dysfunction in the non-ANS group. The inclusion criteria for the ANS group appear to be strictly cardiovascular; I was enquiring about non-cardiovascular autonomic problems in the non-ANS group (gut function, respiratory and oral secretions, etc.).

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: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None