Reviewer’s report

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Minor essential revisions:
I still miss detailed information on the organisation of ICU before and after the change: first of all physician staffing, but also: responsibilities of staff, staff rosters, organisation of work, such as rounds, meetings, regular discussions, quality initiatives such as critical incident monitoring.

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.