Reviewer’s report

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The discussion is still too long and could do with some editing and some tightening of the grammar

Paragraph 2 on page 12 does not add anything to the manuscript - there are no difference between the groups - I would leave it out.

I understand (i think) what you are trying to get at by highlighting the similarities in mortality (this is a high mortality cohort and mortality is similar whether HCEC is engaged or not, the shorter LOS after the involvement of an HCEC suggests that unnecessary/futile care may be less - a good thing!) but the way it is presented is not illuminating to the reader.

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