Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) System on the Outcome of Critically Ill Adult Patients: A Before-After Study

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Reviewer: Ross Koppel

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The authors have made a sincere and full attempt to address the concerns of the reviewers. Their problem—which is not their fault—is that reviewer No. 3 is a clearly bright but mindless true believer in the unquestioned value of HIT, and refuses to allow any statement that is not consistent with his/her catechism. Findings be damned. Thus, reviewer No. 3 obliges the authors to twist and turn so as to defend No. 3’s faith in HIT…even though these data do not support his/her faith. The authors make a real effort to offer wording that reviewer No. 3 will find acceptable.

It would be unkind to ask them to correct the distortions reviewer No. 3 demands. They have tried as hard as they could to conform to the faith while not entirely distorting or ignoring the data.

In other words, this is a go. It’s fine with me.

One trivial comment: Somewhere in the first few pages, the authors write something to the effect that “the data was…” Data is a plural word. Thus, the phrase should be “the data were…”

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'