Reviewer's report

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Authors have improved the manuscript, however some major issues have not been addressed.
The main issues that have not been addressed are related to: patient population characterization; study design and aims (see also second referee).
The statement that “a value of CFR < 2 obtained below these these limits should be considered inadequate”, does not make any sense. What is the purpose of measuring CFR, if it has be normal in all conditions. Maybe authors simply need to rephrase it.
Minor: Please revise extensively the English language.
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Please reply to referee’s comments point by point and track changes in the manuscript. Please also refer to the previous comments which have not been addresses properly.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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'