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The authors tried to find the potential variables that may affect the relationship between the patients' relatives and the attending physicians in the ICU. Although the idea of making the study is well founded, there are some comments to the author that might help to improve the current manuscript

1. First, I believe the length of the current manuscript need to be reduced by at least 50% specially in the result, discussion, and conclusion sections

2. I think being an observational study, the authors' need to run multivariate analysis to control for confounding factors before coming up with conclusion regarding the independent predictors of factors affecting the relationship between relatives and doctors

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