Reviewer’s report

Title: The association of duration of boarding in the emergency room and the outcome of patients admitted to the Intensive Care Unit

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1. Define the time length stay? How did you divide the groups in different length of ED boarding?

2. Early goal directed therapy in line number 24 does not change the mortality rate - NEJM 2016

3. The results suggest a relationship of mortality with ED boarding but there can be other factors that caused the ICU mortality and its outcomes. How can those be justified?

4. What was the criterion for ICU admission? Define respiratory in line 28?

5. Inclusion and exclusion criteria need more elaboration

6. What is your recommendation for this problem (reducing the ED Boarding)?

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