Reviewer's report


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My main concern is a lack of accuracy of the data. I suspect that patients coded as having a severe sepsis were not in fact “severe”. It is a matter of definition of organ dysfunction qualifying the patient for having SS. The organ supports required by the patients’ condition are important to report in order to sort out severe patients. The studies should focus on “real severe patients”. That is the one that could benefit from optimized treatment.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No COI