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1) Reviewer comment
Spelling and grammar:
Study Design: ED and ICU physicians assessed patients for severe sepsis and septic shock per standard clinical criteria, which was independent from the electronic sepsis alert system.

Reply:
Thank you for your comment; I have rewritten the sentence to provide more clarity, as follows:
“ED and ICU physicians assessed patients for the presence of severe sepsis or septic shock using the standard diagnostic criteria [6]. The assessment was independent from the electronic sepsis alert system”.

2) Reviewer comment
The authors have nicely addressed all concerns raised

Reply:
Thank you