**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** The ICU-Diary study: Prospective multicenter comparative study of the impact of an ICU diary on the well-being of patients and families in French ICUs

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**Reviewer:** Peter Nydahl

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Dear authors

Thank you very much for the resubmission of the manuscript. It is the first time that the reviewer reviews the paper.

The authors reported the rationale, aims and methods of a mixed method study to evaluate the impact of ICU diaries on patients in Intensive Care Units and their relatives. The submitted manuscript is of high quality, well written and the reviewer recommends to publish the paper after revision of minor concerns.

Minor concerns:

Page 6, first paragraph: the last two sentences of the paragraph need at least one (or more) reference/s.

First entry (page 13/14, intervention): patients are recruited 48 hours after admission, and an entry in the diary each day is planned. These entries start after recruitment and inclusion in the study, hence after 48h, but what about the first two days? Is there a person in charge who writes the "first entry", covering the patient's story of the first two days before recruitment, e.g. nurse, physician, relative? Are there any rules how to report these days? If so, the authors should provide some information about that.

Photos (page 13/14, intervention): the diary includes example photos of an ICU room. Are there any rules for producing and using photos of the patient? Are staff and/or relatives encouraged to make photos or not? Using photos occasionally (and not standardized) may lead to a bias in first and second outcome parameters, hence a description of the photo-management would be useful.

The rest is fine, I am impressed and wish good luck!
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