

# Review of: "Associations between ICU-days and patient experiences and perceptions of clinical research in intensive care units: a mediation analysis"

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The study carries out a detailed quantitative analysis, but the interest of the study is limited by opting for an exclusively quantitative orientation. Some topics, such as the role of the patient's environment in the decision process, can provide information of interest to have a deeper understanding of expectations prior to participation in the trial.

Logically, people who go through such compromised moments must be satisfied with their participation since it is possible that this treatment has had a favorable impact on their recovery.

Other classification variables should be taken into account when analyzing patient responses, such as the reason for their admission to the ICU.

Among the factors that affect patient satisfaction in medical care processes, the role of professionals, specifically personal treatment, takes on a very relevant role. However, this factor has a secondary role in this work, offering only a limited assessment of this aspect when briefly addressing the topic of communication. It is recommended to use some patient experience model to get a more complete view of the process.

Other recommendations: for a better understanding of the field, it is recommended to explain how the informed consent procedure works in the UK.