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The manuscript presents a remarkably comprehensive, mathematical model for ICU physician staffing that has been in use since its initial introduction in Germany 8 years ago. As the authors point out, outcomes related to use of this model have not been studied. Such data would be vital to understanding the relevance of this model. As such, the Conclusion should avoid any suggestion that the model may have been shown to improve patient safety and quality of management. To the contrary, the conclusion would be expected to propose evaluating these outcomes in the future. Despite the lack of data on outcomes, the staffing calculation is still of some interest.



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Table 4 Line 2 Cases A very useful review highlighting the importance of appropriate staffing to achieve best patient care.