

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Hospital-acquired Fever in Oriental Medical Hospitals

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**Reviewer:** Bevin Cohen

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The authors have clarified all points raised in the original review and have made edits to the manuscript accordingly. Only a few minor issues remain.

--In the abstract, CVA history is raised as a risk factor in the conclusions but it is not mentioned in the results.

--In table 3, the subheading "comorbid conditions" really includes only interventions/treatments. The heading above, "underlying diseases" is synonymous with "comorbid conditions." Suggest changing this subheading.

--The authors should be careful when talking about the factors that lead to higher "risk" of infectious cause of fever, particularly with regard to WBC count. While it is true that higher WBC count was associated with infectious vs. non-infectious fever origin, this does not mean that higher WBC count puts patients at risk for infectious fever. Rather, it is likely that WBC is elevated in patients in response to infection, and WBC may be lower in patients with competing causes of fever (e.g., cancer). This is especially true in the conclusion abstract, which should be clarified.

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