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Title: Ampicillin / Sulbactam versus Cefuroxime as Antimicrobial Prophylaxis for Cesarean Delivery: a Randomized Study

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Dear editors of the journal BMC Infectious Diseases

I would like to ask you to review for the original research section of the Journal BMC Infectious Diseases the attached manuscript entitled: “Ampicillin / Sulbactam versus Cefuroxime as Antimicrobial Prophylaxis for Cesarean Section: a Randomized Study” by Ziogos et al.

The results of this study show that ampicillin/sulbactam was as safe and effective as cefuroxime when administered for the prevention of infections following cesarean delivery. The most important predictors of infection after a cesarean section were increased number of vaginal examinations prior to the operation whereas regular pre-natal follow-up had a protective effect. Ampicillin-sulbactam or other agents with anti-enterococcal activity may be better choices than cefuroxime or other cephalosporins for antimicrobial prophylaxis in patients undergoing cesarean delivery.

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The study was registered in the NIH clinical trials registry (Clinicaltrials.gov identifier: NCT01138852).

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