Reviewer's report

Title: Community-associated Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus Bacteremia and Endocarditis among HIV Patients: a cohort study

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I am still concerned about the definition of community-associated MRSA used by the authors. This could be confusing to readers unless it is very clear that the authors are comparing USA 300 strains with PVL to all other MRSA.

It is still unfortunate that these are relatively old data, cutting off in 2005.

The absence of 30 or 60 day mortality data makes it difficult to compare mortality between the two groups. This is important if one of the goals is to compare the "virulence" of the groups.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'