Reviewer’s report

Title: Invasive candidiasis in low birth weight preterm infants: risk factors, clinical course and outcome in a prospective multicenter study of cases and their matched controls

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Reviewer: Emmanuel Roilides

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Overall, this submission is a nicely performed and written manuscript. However, its important weakness is that the topic has not been original and several previous studies have been written on the same topic. Some of them in fact the authors do not mention at all. In any case, the authors are commented for such a complete story.

Minor comments

Page 13, line the one before the last: “Prompt and treatment” should be “Prompt treatment”

Please, make a more thorough literature review and mention other relevant neonatal candidiasis studies, too.

Which Bayley Scales of Infant Development ed. did the authors use for the neurodevelopment assessment?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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