Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiological Characteristics of Nosocomial Infection in a Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU), South Korea

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The definition of Incidence Density - per 1000 admission days in abstract and per 100 admission days in Statistical analysis (pg 6) and Table 3

Spelling and Language: Numerous problems:
- Page 4: Therefore, nosocomial infections are an important and critical issues Should change to: Therefore, nosocomial infections are an important and critical issue
- For the above reasons, many studies worldwide have been doing should change to For the above reasons, many studies worldwide have been done
- Page 7. Average Apgar score retrospectively should change to Average Apgar score respectively
- Page 7: Characteristics associated with development of NI were birth weight, gestation age less, Apgar score This statement does not make sense and should be deleted. GA <32w is mentioned in the next sentence

Discussion

or it may be an artifact of ambiguity of diagnosis and intense surveillance is not understandable.
I am still unable to understand why infections of the eye other than conjunctivitis should not be nosocomial.
I am unable to understand statements in the following paragraph on page 19: if signs or symptoms of a venous infection are not mentioned in a chart, why would state that one cannot confirm an infection as a venous infection

The authors are unable to give information on device utilization but should at least note if the patients were ventilated.