Reviewer's report

Title: Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome in Adult Patients with Nosocomial Bloodstream Infections due to Enterococci

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Since laboratories vary in their method of speciating enterococci, the actual method used in the laboratory should be stated.

2. The number of primary and secondary bacteremias (with the source) should be identified.

3. The number of central venous catheter infections that were present and the method of determining this should be stated.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. The authors may wish to compare their results with those of Todeschini G, Tecchio C, Borghero C, et al, J Infect. 2005 Dec 29

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'