Reviewer's report

Title: Emerging Resistant gram-positive infections: Impact of glycopeptide use on length of stay

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General
This is a useful study from the UK which repeats previous study from other healthcare systems. It is appropriately designed, analysed and the results clearly presented. All tables are necessary. All references are relevant.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The title of this manuscript does not accurately reflect the study. It was not about 'emerging resistant Gram positive infections', but about early switch from IV to oral antibiotic therapy. This should be changed.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
It would be helpful to expand on the discussion as to why selected specialist services were found to be 'prolonged users'.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
It would be helpful to include in discussion, a statement that a further prospective randomised controlled study would be desirable to confirm the observations made in this paper.

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'