Reviewer's report

Title: Healthcare-associated infections in Pediatric Cancer Patients: Results of a Prospective Surveillance Study from University Hospitals in Germany and Switzerland

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This study was originally designed in order to analyze outcome related with neutropenia in cancer patients, and was not designed and planed to determinate health care associated infections (HAI) and FUO in cancer patients. It is not useful for the readers providing data of patients with HAI plus patients with FUO. This study was not designed to analyze impact of infection control activities on health care associated infections rates.

The authors are not providing number of patients, are not providing demographic characteristics of the patients, both are critical in order to analyze rates of infections and potential confounders.

What next?: Reject because scientifically unsound

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests