Reviewer’s report

Title: European S T80 Community-Associated Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Orbital Cellulitis in a Neonate.

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Reviewer: Caroline Quach

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This case report describes the case of a 28-day-old, previously healthy, with a MRSA orbital cellulitis

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. The authors need to define what this case adds to the existing body of literature. We already know that S.aureus - in particular when PVL+ (not only associated with CA-MRSA but rather a factor of virulence) may cause abscesses and orbital cellulitis. A better rationale for publishing this case would be appreciated. I find that an interesting point here is that the mother seemed to be MRSA negative. The source of this child's MRSA - whether the delivery room or nursery or family needs to be investigated.

Minor revisions:

1. Please use IU, and so mmol/L rather than mg/dl
2. Please explain why daptomycin and rifampin are used empirically. I suspect that prevalence of MRSA must be quite high in the authors’ area. Some data on this prevalence would be of interest.
3. The clinical course in this infant does not seem any worse than if caused by a MSSA. Referring back to previous comment: please define what this case’s teaching point is.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.