Reviewer's report

**Title:** Pulse oximetry in the newborn: Is the left hand pre- or post-ductal?

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**Reviewer:** Nalini Singhal

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You start the background with monitoring pre and post ductal saturations for early diagnosis of congenital heart disease. The study then states that you want to clarify the values to see if right hand, left hand and foot are different.

This is an important study.

Could you modify the background to demonstrate to the reader that people usually use preductal saturation for monitoring during and after resuscitation and then your study to clarify the issue would help the reader understand that you are trying to demonstrate that any limb can be used giving people more options.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interests.