Reviewer’s report

Title: Utility of qualitative C-reactive protein assay and White blood cells counts in the diagnosis of neonatal sepsis at Bugando Medical Centre, Tanzania

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Reviewer: Kareem Airede

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Major Compulsory Revisions
This is generally an excellent research work.

Minor Essential Revisions
Though an excellent work on perinatal-neonatal medicine care, this Reviewer would have preferred the use of the terminology of SEPTICAEMIA rather than SEPSIS as the latter is more non-specific and would not necessarily require blood culture as ‘gold-standard’ for confirmation.

Discretionary Revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests, please.