Reviewer's report

Title: Mode of delivery and other risk factors for Escherichia coli infections in very-low birth weight infants.

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The manuscript is too long and crowded. It should be shortened especially Background and Methods.

There is a need for extensive English editing before considering it for publication.

The issue of E coli infections in preemies and its resistance profile to antibiotics adds valuable information in this field and can be a guidance for the caring neonatologists.

The authors conclude that the risk factor that is independently associated with E coli infections emerged as hospitalization place (i.e. the specific NICU itself).

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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'