Reviewer's report

Title: B-type natriuretic peptide and mortality in extremely low birth weight infants with pulmonary hypertension: a retrospective cohort analysis

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In this retrospective cohort study, the authors examined the utility of serum BNP levels as a predictor of outcome in preterm infants with bronchopulmonary dysplasia-associated pulmonary hypertension (BPD-associated PH). The authors demonstrate that the peak BNP level was significantly lower among infants who survived than among those that died. Statistical analysis revealed that a BNP level of 220 pg/mL had a 90% sensitivity and 65% specificity in predicting mortality. The authors have adequately addressed all of my previous comments.

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 declare that I have no competing interests.