Reviewer's report

Title: Pneumococcal pneumonia: differences according to blood culture results

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Reviewer: Catherine Greene

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Minor Essential Revisions.
1. Please include mention of congestive heart failure as a significant variable in the text description of Table 1.
2. Please comment on whether female sex is a significant factor in the other studies cited and why this may be.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'