Reviewer's report

**Title:** Empiric guideline-recommended weight-based vancomycin dosing and nephrotoxicity rates in patients with methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus bacteremia: a retrospective cohort study

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**Reviewer:** Federico Pea

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The fact that each study institution could have used different vancomycin assays as part of their clinical standard practice must be stated in the text as potential limitation

**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'