Reviewer’s report

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**Reviewer:** Meng-Chieh Wu

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It's a good idea to evaluate fever or not for hemodialysis patients at triage of emergency department. But I had some suggestions:

1. The number of patients was small.

2. How did you choose 37 non-hemodialysis patients? The residual patients with blood culture that grew MSSA or MRSA was 89%. How did you used a random number generator?

3. In this study, 54% hemodialysis patients did not have a detectable fever at ED triage. However, the patients maybe suffer from fever at home or hemodialysis unit. The data maybe consider to compare previous history of temperature and fever before patients arrived at ED triage.

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