Reviewer’s report

Title: Daptomycin versus linezolid for treatment of vancomycin-resistant enterococcal bacteremia: systematic review and meta-analysis

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I reviewed the manuscript and believe that it is interesting and actual. They followed PRISMA recommendations for systematic reviews and meta-analyses and it was performed by 2 independently physician reviewers. They discuss properly both results and limitations. There is a very recent published systematic review and meta-analysis with very similar design and results.

I have, however, a few comments (minor essential revisions)

1. Table 1, there are some columns that lack then “%” of cases (last 4 lines)
2. Also in Table 1, possible confounders were cited in the last column, however as it is not stated the numbers we do not know which group is the disadvantaged. It would be interesting to state this data.
3. Discussion section: line 2. Suggest delete the word “previous” from 13 previous studies…
4. They should include as limitation the fact that we do not know the diagnosis of bacteremic infection and associated therapies (such as removal of catheters)

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