Reviewer's report

Title: Characteristics of neonates with culture-proven bloodstream infection who have low levels of C-reactive protein (<10 mg/L)

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Reviewer: Roberto Santos

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I read with great interest the revised version of the reference manuscript. Kindly consider the following comments for corrections.

This current version had significantly improved from the initial submission and necessary corrections were made accordingly.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Under Results section, page 10: you may want to change the following words e.g. peri-natal (line 190) to perinatal, hypo-glycemia (line 195) to hypoglycemia, and leucopenia (line 199) to leukopenia

2. Table 2, page 28: you may want to italicize the scientific names of the organisms found in the legends of the Table 2; also no need to capitalize the species name e.g. Neisseria meningitidis

3. Figure 1, is there a better version of the figure that has a better contrast and easier to read Kaplan-Meier graph?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

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