Reviewer's report

**Title:** High variability in the dosing of commonly used antibiotics revealed by a Europe-wide point prevalence study: implications for research and dissemination.

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In this interesting study on antibiotic dosing in European NICUs a high variability has been reported, also reflected by the significant differences of recommended dosages observed on the sources used as reference.

The methods seem appropriate and well described.

The results may serve as a stimulus toward a better standardization of the most frequently used drugs in sick neonates. However, as admitted by the authors, the lack of data regarding the indications for antibiotic use could have significantly limited the interpretation of their findings.

**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 no competing interests in relation to the paper I am reviewing