Reviewer’s report

Title: Risk factors associated with abscess formation among patient with leg erysipelas (cellulitis) in sub-Saharan Africa: a multicenter study.

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This paper is interesting because this is such a common problem amongst these patients. The findings are a bit puzzling as the authors state that use of bleaching agents is not significant in their study, but indeed it is at the p= 0.04 level. Also, there is a concern with putting the delayed antibiotic use up as such a powerful variable. This variable and how it is measured is not described in this paper. What it from physician or patient documented source? The criteria need to be more clear before standing this entire study on that strong factor. Why was there are delay in the authors' minds. Very little is discussed about this factor beyond its frequency. Need to also define the population better and so it is more clear why antibiotics are delayed more so than the other patients with erysipelas and no abscess.

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