Reviewer’s report

Title: 7 versus 14 days of Antibiotic Treatment for Critically Ill Patients with Bloodstream Infection: A Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial

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Very nicely done feasibility study

Very important question and remarkable finding that PCT remained elevated in 7 and 14 day treatment groups

I am not convinced that a 70+% adherence to the 7 and 14 day protocol really means this is a feasible study

I need more convincing from a statistician on this assertion

Non-inferiority between use of 7 or 14 day regimens when physicians only adhere to regimen in 3 of 4 patients? Escapes in 1 of four patients?

Sounds like a third arm is needed for usual care? Some other design approach?

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