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<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

A well planned and executed study

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Overall, the authors must be congratulated for a commendable manuscript. The authors describe their experience and attempt to identify risk factors for maternal sepsis. The manuscript is well written and provides a clear message. The inclusion criteria are broad and covers prenatal, prepartum and postpartum cohort of patients which is appropriate when considering maternal sepsis. The definition of sepsis is appropriately applied for diagnosis of sepsis. While statistical analysis is appropriately used and univariate analysis was performed to identify risk factors, in general, a strong case can be made to only include variables in univariate analysis that have been identified as risk factor previously in literature. However, in this manuscript, the current method is adequate. The discussion is thorough and describes the current literature on the same topic and how their findings add to the literature.

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The manuscript was well written, presented in a concise and consistent manner. The title reflects the main subject. The summary summarizes the work very well. The manuscript adequately describes the history and importance of the study. The manuscript describes methods appropriately. The manuscript interprets the findings appropriately and appropriately. The findings have already been described, but it is important to know the local data to improve treatment. Figures, diagrams and tables were sufficient. The manuscript cites the most recent, important and reliable references in the introduction and discussion sections. For the diagnosis of sepsis among pregnant women, the increase in respiratory rate and heart rate and the decrease in blood pressure in pregnant women can be a confusing factor and some adaptations have been discussed as pointed out by Greer et al (Greer O, Shah NM, Sriskandan S, Johnson MR Sepsis: Precision-Based Medicine for Pregnancy and Puerperium. *Int J Mol Sci.* 2019; 20 (21): 5388).

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[STROBE Statement—Checklist of items that should be included in reports of case-control studies