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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This paper is interesting and opens the door to new opportunities of managing severe infections occurring in the neonatal period. Salivary samples are easy to obtain and may become a more appealing option to determinate inflammatory markers. A limit of the study is the limited number of patients assessed, but this may be a first step towards multi-centre collaborative studies.