

PEER REVIEW HISTORY

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ARTICLE DETAILS

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	A retrospective study of Hemophagocytic syndrome hospitalizations in children in the United States
AUTHORS	Badheka, Aditya; Bangalore Prakash, Pradeep; Allareddy, Veerasathpurush; Allareddy, Veerajalandhar

VERSION 1 – REVIEW

REVIEWER	Reviewer name: Louis van 't Hek Institution and Country: Pediatrician-intensivist, Pediatric ICU, Radboud University Medical Centre, 10 Geert Grooteplein 6500 HB Nijmegen, The Netherlands Competing interests: None
REVIEW RETURNED	16-Aug-2018

GENERAL COMMENTS	Good study. Note: Adding a tabel with HS criteria could be be a great help for pediatricians / ER physicians not familiar with HS.
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REVIEWER	Reviewer name: Joseph Carcillo Institution and Country: University of Pittsburgh Department of Critical Care Medicine and Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Competing interests: none
REVIEW RETURNED	31-Aug-2018

GENERAL COMMENTS	Excellent study! It would be really nice if you can query your database to put together a table on how many patients were also coded as having rheumatologic disease, malignancy, hemolytic anemias, drug reactions, sepsis to get a sense of the epidemiology or case mix of HPS Great Contribution!
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VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

Comments/Suggestions:

1. Good study. Note: Adding a tabel with HS criteria could be be a great help for pediatricians / ER physicians not familiar with HS.

Author's response: We agree with recommendation. We have made appropriate changes to our write up to include addiational table to demonstrate HLH diagnostic criteria table by the International Histology Society.

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Author's response: Thank you for your recommendation. We have queried the database and added table 3 to include patients with all other coded and available diagnosis. We also modified the manuscript to reflect that.