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This report is much improved. The authors have attended to the comments, which would have involved considerable work, and is appreciated. I do not personally think that this methodology is going to spare hospitals the requirement for cleaning by professional domestic and other staff, but it represents innovation and interest, and could always lead to additional and superior technologies.

Regarding appropriate notation for Enterococcus in a scientific paper, it has always been my understanding that when the genus is mentioned in the text bereft of specific species, or species notation, it is not necessary to italicise, e.g. Enterococcus; Legionella, etc..

If the genus is coupled with a species, e.g. Enterococcus faecalis, or with singular or plural species notation, e.g. Enterococcus sp. or Enterococcus spp., then italicisation is the norm. Maybe we do things differently re. UK examining or indeed, for the Journal of Hospital Infection. You decide.

Stephanie Dancer

NB. Please note, I can't italicise anything in this upload (!), so I have attached a Word document as suggested.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests