Reviewer's report

Title: Duration of viral shedding in hospitalized patients infected with pandemic H1N1

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The authors have extensively revised the manuscript and in general in accordance with the reviewers’ comments.

Minor essential revisions are required as follows:

Page 10, line 7 – 10, the number of patients on antiviral treatment did not add up. The authors stated there were 29 patients on antiviral, but only 24 + 4 were described. Line 8, there was a typo (75mg two twice/day).

Page 12, line 8, “presence of any complication” needs to be appropriately defined or described.

Page 12, line 18 – 20, “13 treated patients underwent NA sequencing analysis” is not correct. It is the pandemic influenza virus that underwent NA sequencing analysis.

Page 14, line 23, “H175Y” should be “H275Y”

Table 2 is rather confusing. Re-arrangement of the various parameters is necessary.

Correction of the English used is required, e.g, Faringodinia, dehydration etc.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.