Reviewer’s report

Title: Long term care facilities are more important than hospitals in the transmission of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus

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Unfortunately, I still have major issues with this paper. Although some areas of the paper have been clarified, this study still appears to lack methodological rigor which I deem necessary to warrant publication. I believe the question the paper addresses is important, but while the other reviewer felt that this article was important, I disagree because of these methodological problems. Clearly the authors have done a lot of work, but even their primary outcome of interest is still vague to me because of the description of their methods. Writing that admission cultures were collected "immediately" doesn't mean anything. There are definitions that are commonly used that reference some maximum amount of time post admission (usu 24-72 hours), which are lacking here. The article also continues to suffer from poor writing despite that the authors state that there was "copyediting process by a native English speaker." There are grammar mistakes in the first sentence of the introduction.