Reviewer's report

Title: The microbiome of chronic rhinosinusitis: culture, molecular diagnostics and biofilm detection

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The manuscript by Boase et al compares the microbiology of chronic rhinosinusitis using culture and molecular techniques. The limitations of the methods used will probably mean much of the data will be superceded by subsequent studies including by the same group. Nonetheless the authors the findings are of interest and do highlight some limitations of conventional approaches. I am still quite surprised by the simplicity of the communities recovered. The authors have addressed some concerns and noted caveats to the methodology in the manuscript and I have no further requirement for revisions.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.