Reviewer's report

Title: Enterovirus Genotypes Causing Hand Foot and Mouth Disease in Shanghai, China: A Molecular Epidemiological Analysis

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The authors have described the molecular epidemiology of different enteroviruses associated with HFMD in Shanghai, China. The methodology is appropriate and the results clearly presented. This work is important in providing useful information on the often neglected non-EV71/non-CA16 enteroviruses associated with HFMD. To be of value to others, sequences generated in this study should be made available in GenBank and accession numbers provided in the manuscript.

Listed below are some minor essential corrections:

Line 52: replace 'that' with 'as'.
Line 61-62: 'The disease usually resolves.....'. References should be provided for this statement.
Line 72: replace 'can' with 'has'.
Line 79-80: replace '...make EV71 characterized as the most important cause of severe HFMD.' with '...is considered an important cause of severe HFMD'.
Line 81: typo, 'compliations' should be 'complications'
Line 84-86: 'Sporadic reports demonstrated...'. References should be provided for this statement.
Line 129: replace 'Afterward..' with 'A volume of...'
Line 239-240: 'CA16 has only one genotype B......'. This statement is not true. Strains of CA16 have been divided into genogroups A and B (Arch Virol (2007) 000: 1–8).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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