Reviewer’s report

Title: Minimizing the threat of pandemic emergence from avian influenza in poultry systems

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Minor Essential Revisions

To Figure 2, we could not understand clearly at a glance. You should give some clear indication of key information on the figure.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Line 83: It would be more clearly adding a sentence ‘when no any introduction of AIV from wLBMs contributes to prevalence levels in rLBMs’ before the ‘When decontamination….. ’.

2. Line 142-143: In summary section, mentioned implementing structures to minimize host mixing and preventing cross-species contact of shared resources, but you didn’t show any evidence to support that in preceding part of the text.

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