Reviewer's report

Title: Molecular typing of adenoviruses associated with respiratory infection in Egypt from 2003 to 2010

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Mayor Revisions:

Title
1. Page 1, Line 1: The authors should consider changing the title as the words “molecular typing” do not reflect the focus of the study. No phylogenetic information is given. This is more an epidemiological surveillance study.

Material and Methods
1. Page 5, Line 93: the authors state that a total of 550 patients met the WHO criteria but in page 7, line 154 they state there were 3,106 non influenza specimens tested. This is misleading.
2. Page 7, Line 137: The authors describe the alignments and software used, but do not provide any information about the alignments in the results or figures. Have the sequences been submitted to Genbank? Are they available online? The authors should provide this information.
3. The authors should describe the statistical methods used to compare prevalence’s in the results.

Results
1. The authors should provide in all results, figures and tables the total amount of samples collected, as the information in tables could be misleading. It is unclear when using proportion if the authors refer to the total amount of samples, the ILI samples, the non-influenza samples etc. The authors should clearly state this information in the tables or in the legends. Also, the statistical analyses used for prevalence’s should be in the results section, and the p values provided.
2. The phylogenetic information and comparison with previously published sequences is necessary. As well as the Genbank submission numbers.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.