Reviewer's report

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

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The manuscript by Dr. Pola Demian et al. has been revised and substantially changed, from the title and authors to methods (statistics) and conclusions. The text can be shortened substantially, mainly in Introduction and Discussion.

Minor Essential Revisions

The age group is from two months to 56 years: comparisons between those who have had previous infections with those with primary infections regarding the type of Adenovirus that can infect each group are risky. Also, discrimination in Table 1 is not functional. Patients from 2-17 years cannot be analyzed together.

Do the authors think that the rare finding of the only HAdV-E in a child in 2009 might be related to H1N1 pandemic and exclusion of other types of Adenovirus?

Figures 2 and 3 can be deleted as they are summarized in Table 1.

Page 10 lines 214-218: I think it is not easy or possible to discriminate active from latent adenovirus infection with the typing methods the authors used.

Page 9 line 184 change "initiation" to beginning,
Page 11 line 245 check spelling of positive.

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

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