Reviewer's report

Title: High Carriage Rate of High-Level Penicillin-Resistant Streptococcus pneumoniae in a Taiwan Kindergarten Associated with a Case of Pneumococcal Meningitis

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Reviewer: Ana Lucia Andrade

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General

The authors have responded satisfactorily to my comments.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Pg 5 – Serotyping. I believe the correct name is Quellung reaction.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Just an additional comment. I would suggest adding the reference of the J Clin Microbiol. 2003; 41(8):3970-2 at the end of the sentence (pg 8; last sentence of the main paragraph) “.... studies have shown that S. pneumoniae strains recovered from the CSF of the meningitis patients to be the same as the strains carried in the nasopharynx of patients”.

What next?: Accept after discretionary 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

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests.