Reviewer’s report

Title: How long do nosocomial pathogens persist on inanimate surfaces? A systemic review

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General

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

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

It would have been nice to see as a part of the discussion some potential explanations regarding the range of survival times reported. Also, although the author has carefully avoided the question of whether disinfection should be performed, it would be desirable to see a statement in the manuscript that if it is to be performed then it should be effective, otherwise it may only move the most resistant microorganisms around from one place to another.

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