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Minor essential revisions

1. The sentence has been deleted. In addition, the CDC recommendation has been explained briefly when to wash hands and when to treat hands with an alcohol-based hand rub. This explanation will hopefully help to come around the concerns of the reviewer.
2. A last paragraph has been added to address the concern that non-enveloped viruses are much more difficult to inactivate which should be taken into account in clinical practice.
3. “prEN 13727”, “BGM cells”, capitol P and “test virus” have been changed as recommended.

Discretionary revisions

1. The description of the reduction factor calculation remains unchanged.