Reviewer's report

Title: Nationwide Trends in Molecular Epidemiology of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, Finland, 1997-2004

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General
The revised version of the manuscript was greatly improved by the stringent writing including combining "Results and Discussion". It gives a clear and informative picture of the MRSA situation in Finland in recent years.

The few corrections which still needs to be made are found below.

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

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

1. Check the correct spelling of Panton-Valentine leukocidin.
2. Complete Ref 27 (volume, pages missing).
3. Page 14, lane 6: Ref 27 should be changed to 18 (FIN-4, community-acquisition).

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

6. Page 12, lane 7: FIN-16 strains were more likely to be found ...
7. Page 12, lane 23: The strain tended to be found ...
8. Legend to Figure 2: ... during 1997-2004 are indicated by "a".

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable
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.