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Re: 1730807432504032 - Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus and Acinetobacter baumannii on computer interface surfaces of hospital wards and association with clinical infections

Dear Editors,

A point-by-point response to the peer reviews of our original manuscript, #1730807432504032, is presented in this reply letter according to the editors’ and reviewer’s suggestions. All authors have read and agreed to the re-submitted version of the manuscript. The reviewer’s queries and suggestions are addressed item by item as follows, highlighted in Bold format. In addition to the response to the reviewers’ comments, we have some changes about the affiliations of authors.

Many thanks to editors’ and reviewers’ kindly instructive suggestions and corrections.

Yours sincerely,

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Minor Essential Revisions

(1) There are a few instances where the authors should use “contamination rate” in place of “contamination.” Two such occasions are on page 12, paragraph 2. “Contamination” could possibly mean “amount or load” or it could imply “rate.” I suggest adding “rate” because that is the statistic that the authors analyzed and reported.

   Many thanks for reviewer’s suggestion. We have revised “contamination” to “contamination rate” on Page 10, paragraph 2; Page 12, paragraph 2; Page 15, paragraph 1. The revisions were underlined.

(2) Tables 1 and 2 report frequencies of (+) and (-) samplings. In the title of these tables, it is suggested the authors remove “Number of positive cultures” and replace with the phrase “Culture results.”

   Many thanks for reviewer’s suggestion. We have revised the titles of Table 1 and Table 2 from “Number of positive cultures” to “Culture results”.