Reviewer’s report

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

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This manuscript describe the bacterial contamination on ward computer interface for MRSA, P. aeruginosa and A. baumannii. The results contribute to our knowlege in this specific field but a concise article can be proposed to the authors.

Major compulsory revisions

The authors concluded that the contamination rate was low because of the good hand hygiene rate. But no association is demonstrated in the results section. The authors have not measured the levels of contamination before and after a campaign to promote hand hygiene.

Minors essentails revisions

The global contamination rate 10.1% (52/564) and the proportion of contaminated computers should appear in the "Results" section.

Page 10, line 10 : authors shoud deleted P. aeruginosa as no P. aeruginosa were isolated.

The manuscript need some english editing before being published (non-ICU and ICU instead of ward and ICU).

Table 1 can be deleted.

The quality of Figures 1 and 2 is not acceptable.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.