Reviewer's report

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This review addresses only the statistical aspects of the manuscript. Statistical analyses have been revised appropriately and are based on computer units (N = 282).

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.

(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.”

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests. John H. Kalbfleisch, Ph.D.