Reviewer's report

Title: Molecular Identification of Adenovirus Causing Respiratory Tract Infection in Pediatric Patients at the University of Malaya Medical Centre

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This new version of the manuscript is significantly improved after the incorporation of reviewers suggestions. The language still has some problems in some sections of the paper and the following corrections are required:

Use of language:

In the abstract on line 3, page 2, the right term is serotype, not type. The same applies to line 4. On line 4, replace "depending on the" with "among".

On line 10, replace "of pediatric" with "FROM pediatric"

On line 14, page 2, delete "types" after HAdV.

On line 20, page 2, delete "of them" after the parenthesis.

On lines 22 and 23, delete the word "species" written between parenthesis after the C and B.

On line 1, page 3, replace "of" by "identified as".

On line 4, page 3, reword the sentence to start, "Two isolates were identified as corresponding to HAdV-F.

On line 9, page 3, rewrite the sentence top start "HAdV-1 and HAdV-2 of species C were...".

Delete "species from line 11, page 3.

Line 19, page 4 replace "another two" with "also".

On line 22, page 4, the correct term is serotype, not type.

On line 24, page 4, reword the sentence to read "Viruses causing RTI...

Line 7, page 5. Reword "under 5 years of age" instead of "below 5 years old".

On page 6, line 4, what is the accession number of the genome the authors provide nt positions for their primers????

Reference 31 on page 9, line 16 does not make much sense there. Did the authors intend to compare to what has been observed in other studies??? Be
careful with the limited number of isolates to draw conclusions.

The last section of the second paragraph on page 9 starting in line 17 requires revision so that the concepts are more clearly discusses (i.e., the role of potential persistent infections)

Legend for Fig 1: Is it University Malaya Medical Center (as written in the fig legend) or University of Mayala????

In table 2, the correct label for the second column should be "species/serotype" and needs to be fixed.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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 have no competing interests.