Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence study of Legionella spp. contamination in ferries and cruise ships

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Reviewer: joan cayla

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General

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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)

Results and discussion section and conclusions section: better with results section and discussion section (including conclusions).

Comment in discussion that serogroup 1 is more virulent than the other serogroups that the authors found in their investigation. In general, serogroups 2-6, etc only causes disease in immunodepressed people. Implement the discussion about preventive measures on ships.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No