Reviewer's report

Title: Respiratory virus in immunocompetent community-acquired pneumonia: is it real pathogen or a bystander? Comparing to influenza like illness and healthy volunteers

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Interesting study that needs to be presented better. The structure of the paper is good but the language is poor and there are several typos that needs to be improved/corrected before it can be considered for publication.

It is also hard to interpret the tables and which analyses the P values refer to. The analyses and statistical description should also be revised.

Minor concerns

Whether or not written consent was obtained

CURB-65 model needs to be explained in the abstract. There are also other abbreviations that need to be defined.

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests