Reviewer's report

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The authors have explained why only limited bacteriological data are available and I understand that additional data can no longer be obtained. This therefore will remain a major limitation of this study.

In that context the authors should consider to change the title of the manuscript "Respiratory virus in immunocompetent community-acquired pneumonia: is it real pathogen or a bystander? Comparing to influenza like illness and volunteer controls". The term "bystander" only can be used when other potential causes have been identified. In this case, other potential causes were not investigated.

I have no further comments.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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