Reviewer's report

Title: Risk of Contamination of Nasal Sprays in Otolaryngology Practice

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Reviewer: Brent Senior

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General
I want to thank the authors for their fine work. I believe that it contributes important information to the ongoing debate as to the risk of patient contamination with multi use spray devices.

Clearly, for our patients, we want to provide the safest environment possible to reduce the risk of cross contamination. However, I disagree with their conclusions that "even one bacterium can cause a huge problem..." It is the exceptional individual that would be severely impacted by a single bacterium of coagulase negative staph. I am convinced that walking the streets of Ankara or, for that matter, Chapel Hill, that that individual's nose will be innoculated with many more than a single bacterium.

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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)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept without revision

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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