Reviewer's report

Title: Characterization of occupational exposures to cleaning products used for common cleaning tasks, a pilot study on hospital cleaners

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The article is greatly improved and clearer, but still may need several minor essential revisions.

Minor essential revisions
1. Page 5 Add “or” before the last criteria for deciding whether an ingredient is “of concern.” Otherwise, it appears that ingredient had to meet all four criteria.
2. Page 5 the reference is to the 2008 TLVs. The text reads 2006.
3. Page 10 description of floor cleaning tasks should indicate if the microfiber cloths were placed in cleaning solution by hand, which is stated in the discussion on page 20.
4. Question in Table 3: Quest 256 Ready to Use appears to have additional ingredients that are not in the Quest 256 concentrate. Is this correct?
5. Language and typographical errors remain that make reading difficult e.g. moping for mopping, import for important, is for in, serve for severe, as well as tense, preposition and apostrophe errors.

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.