Reviewer’s report

Title: A snapshot of Pneumonia research activity and collaboration patterns (2001–2015): a global bibliometric analysis

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In general this manuscript has improved. The clarity of the authors’ purpose is defined more specifically. It could be helpful as the authors note on p 3, to new researchers and to understand the growth of international research collaborations. The tables are useful and provide the reader detail by country and region. The authors have addressed some of the concerns with the improved limitations section and discussion. My remaining concern is that the authors retain a number of Figures which are not helpful to readers. For example p 39 is a figure which is basically not understandable: no title and obscured labels due to the large number of lines to country names. Page 41 is really not informative either in that it includes so many dimensions that it obscures any conclusions. What can the reader derive from this map?

I have noted a few minor grammatical errors in the table below. The manuscript needs further proof reading.

P 3 Line 34-35 Sentence beginning with "the aim…” needs to be reworded.
P 3 line 40 Sentence fragment at end of paragraph.
P 3 line 28 "the a” needs to be reworded
P 10 lines 58-61 This whole sentence is confusing. Needs to be two sentences

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