Reviewer’s report

Title: Epidemiological and clinical profiles of respiratory syncytial virus infection in hospitalized neonates in Suzhou, China

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This manuscript reviews the epidemiology and clinical parameters of RSV infection in Suzhou China. The data is not different from previous studies but it does encompass a large number of subjects and over several year's time span. I have a few specific comments:

1. Although quite obvious visually with raw data, would the authors consider calculating seasonablity/time trends for RSV infection and meteorological data. Comparisons can then also be made graphically.

2. Mycoplasma pneumoniae was detected as a co-infection. Did these subjects require treatment with macrolides or did the subjects recover without antibiotic therapy.

3. The observation that the incidence occurred mainly in late neonatal period might be reconsidered. Based on Figure 1, it appears that the incidence peaked at 2 weeks? The reduced number in the first week could be due to stay for the first few days in nursery after birth?

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