Reviewer’s report

Title: Characterisation of circulating, clinical Influenza isolates from Bali, Indonesia: preliminary report from the BaliMEI project.

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Reviewer: John Lednicky

Reviewer's report:
This is a much needed contribution to the field. Indeed, there is widespread misunderstanding about influenza in SE Asia; a common belief is that cases of influenza due to human H1 and H3 viruses are exceedingly rare.
This reviewer finds the article well-written and articulated. There are a few typographical errors:

(1) Line 66: "..the w 42 hole..."
(2) Line 85: This is an awkward sentence. Suggest you write as "..samples containing influenza virus from 95..."
(3) Line 98: "..at -700C temp..". [Degree sign appears as "zero"].
(4) Line 134: "Influenza A was mostly..." NOTE: Best to write as "Influenza mostly occurred in..." This is preferred since Influenza B, C, and D viruses are not mentioned in this article, and otherwise, one would usually state this as: "Influenza due to influenza A viruses mostly..."

Table 1: A better heading would be "Influenza A virus" instead of "Influenza A".

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