Reviewer’s report

Title: Contamination by respiratory viruses on outer surface of medical masks used by hospital healthcare workers

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Reviewer: Sen Pei

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All my questions are appropriately addressed. One weak point in this study is that it's unclear whether the respiratory viruses are from healthcare workers. However, given the large variations of infection probability in different types of wards, it is unlikely that all viruses came from the background/baseline infection. This is clearly not a perfect solution to the issue, but authors may want to add these discussions.

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