Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Keisuke Yoshihara

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Dear Editor in Chief

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Here I have attached the review comments of mine for the revised version of submitted article entitled as the following.

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Decision: Accept without further correction

Reviewer's comments

Overall the authors adequately answered and edited the questions and comments from both reviewers point by point throughout the revised version of manuscript. Particularly, the methodology and discussion sections were edited throughout and contents became very clear for readers. Also, the new version of figures is now suitable for publication both in contents and resolution. Therefore, I do believe that the revised version of manuscript is ready to be accepted in "BMC infectious diseases" journal. As the molecular and clinical epidemiological data of hMPV-related pneumonia incidences in whole Africa continent is still limited, the data from their current study would add important scientific values not only for the field of research as well as public health sector for future vaccination program.
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