Reviewer's report

Title: Using a practical molecular capsular serotype prediction strategy to investigate Streptococcus pneumoniae serotype distribution and antimicrobial resistance in Chinese local hospitalized children

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. Page 18, line 392 to page 19 line 402: I think this section need to be rewritten. It is difficult to grasp, that the distribution numbers from line 393 to 395 must be for all children of < X age!!!!!. While the distribution data from line 397 to 398 cover children less than 2 years of age.
2. I also suggest in the same section (Page 18, line 392 to page 19 line 402), to make it clearer that PCV-7 is not anymore available!
3. In figure 1 and figure 1S should the species name be in italic! Also lock at the spelling!

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests