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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The manuscript is now greatly improved. There are now just a couple of minor issues remaining:

P8, L163-165. The sentence is a little ambiguous: were most or all GenBank cpsB sequences included?

P12, L234-43. Some of this is more discussion rather than results, specifically the sentences beginning "To our knowledge..." and "Having more serotype sequetypes...". These sentences should be removed or repositioned in the discussion section.

P14, L279-83. This also is more appropriate in the discussion section.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests