Reviewer’s report

Title: Risk of transmission via medical employees and importance of routine infection prevention policy in a nosocomial outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS): a descriptive analysis from a tertiary care hospital in South Korea

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Reviewer: Alexandre Bleibtreu

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PULM-D-18-00628 is about nosocomial cross transmission of MERS-CoV during the 2015 South Korean Outbreak.

Many published articles had related and explored transmission chain with in particular superspreadre identification.

This manuscript gave new way to understand reasons of this spreading.

They intensively redraw the contacts and routes used by one of these spreader.

The most remarkable contribution of this article is to highlight that standard protection and hygiene measures can contain the spread of the MERS-CoV virus.

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