Reviewer's report

Title: Lung virome in mechanically ventilated patients: a pilot study

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The authors have done a good job of addressing the reviewers' comments. There are a few things additional typos and issues that have come up in revision that should be addressed, and there are a couple of typos I hadn't noticed before.

1. Title -- should be "mechanically" ventilated instead of "mechanical"

2. The authors cite "Dickson RP", and this should be "Dickson and Huffnagle"

3. The specific double catheter should be noted along with the company from which it was obtained.

4. "Analised" was not fixed -- should be "analyzed"

5. The authors indicate that the kit they used had demonstrated that it had good performance because another study that had used it had more viral reads than other studies. More viral reads does not indicate this is a good kit -- the patients could be sicker, the samples could be collected differently, or many other possibilities. That statement should be removed.

6. "Ct's" should be "Ct values" or something similar.

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