

Reviewer's report

Title: UV-visible marker confirms that environmental persistence of Clostridium difficile spores in toilets of patients with C. difficile-associated diarrhea is associated with lack of compliance with cleaning protocol

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Minor Essential Revisions

There is not always an exact correspondance of the same given in the text, in the abstract and tables. In addition sometimes are showed the avarage and sometimes the range of values.

This make the comparison of different results rather difficult.

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Cloth rags were one time use or reusable. If reused and not disinfected they may contribute to the spreading of Clostridium from room to room so altering the obtained results.

Some authors like Hammond, Kefety, Samore are mentioned in the text but not in references, others like Alfa, Dettenkofer, Fawley, Musher are present in the references but not in the text.

Reference 1: Akerland in the text end Akerlund in the references

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.