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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Prevalence of respiratory syncytial virus infection among children hospitalized

with acute lower respiratory tract infections in Southern India

Reviewer's code: 03253728

Reviewer's country: India

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study has been conducted meticulously. There are some writing errors such as no space between words, which may be easily corrected. What I understand from the conclusion in the abstract is that viral etiology assessment is important for any viral



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fever. It is not clear as to how many days will be taken for test result. Is it a possibility that the patient is clear of the viral infection till the time test result are obtained? In such a scenario, what is the relevance of the test? Why were you using antibiotics in your setup is not clearly mentioned. Is it a protocol to use antibiotics for any case of fever at your center? Since you have concluded that inadvertent antibiotics are prescribed for viral infections, what has been your institutional protocol for antibiotics? Your objective and conclusion are not matching. "The objective of the study was to investigate the proportion of RSV and non-RSV respiratory viral infections as a cause of ALRI" and "Early diagnosis of viral infections using a simple test such as the RSV and viral DFA test, in settings where PCR is not feasible, would be useful in the timely institution of appropriate care" in the conclusion reflects that attention has been diverted from diagnosis to treatment. Please clarify. Tables need to be more descriptive by adding foot notes. Kindly stress on the clinical importance of this study, along with cost implications of the tests.

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. The manuscript is about a common childhood disease; RSV infection. Although it is globally seen, it is really problematic especially in low and middle-income countries even in the 21th century. The importance of the study comes from the fact that it



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emphasizes the use of direct fluorescence assay (DFA) for the fast diagnose and differential diagnosis of RSV infection in the daily practice, which is usually not performed before empiric treatment. Authors also stress that use of DFA would result in the timely institution of appropriate care, minimization of antibiotic overuse, and appropriate follow-up care for complications and sequelae, potentially leading to a reduction of costs of medical care. 2. The title reflects the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript well. The abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript. 3. The manuscript is well, concisely and coherently organized and presented. Also the number and content of the tables are sufficient. 4. The manuscript adequately describes the background, present status and significance of the study. 5. The manuscript describes the methods (e.g., sample collection and slide preparation for DFA testing, data analysis) in adequate detail. 6. The manuscript interprets the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically. 7. The manuscript meets the requirements in terms of ethics, biostatistics and inform consent.

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the methods was common practice in many countries, including China. the results was meaningful in India.



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