Dr J Gray

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Dear Dr. Gray:

Please find attached our original research article, entitled, “**Recontamination of hands over 24 hours using a quaternary ammonium hand sanitiser with residual effect**”which we would like to be considered for publication in the *Journal of Hospital Infection*.

We present quantitative values of aerobic colony counts on participants hands over 24h after hand hygiene with a quaternary ammonium compound and compare these to untreated hands. The aim is to provide validation data for mathematical modelling of exposure from contaminated hands as well as re-start a discussion surrounding sanitisers with a residual effect.

We can confirm:

1. All named authors have seen and agreed to the submitted version of the paper; all who are included in the acknowledgements section, or as providers of personal communications, have agreed to those inclusions; and that the material is original
2. The paper contains no material which has been published elsewhere.
3. Authors disclose all relevant financial honoraria received.
4. Funding sources supporting personnel have been reported.
5. As it is not an RCT it was not registered with ISRCTN.
6. There are no patient data.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Yours sincerely,

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