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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Unfortunately, the conclusions of this manuscript are based on a false assumption. Lentogenic and sometimes mesogenic Newcastle viruses are constantly circulating through poultry. Isolating this virus from sick chickens does not mean that the chickens died of this virus. It is more likely that they died of another disease, and the lentogenic viruses were merely present concurrently. The authors contend that because they isolated lentogenic viruses from sick birds that the viruses have reverted to virulence. In order to prove that, they would have to inoculate these isolated viruses into birds to demonstrate that.	1. When tentative diagnosis had been made based on clinical signs and history of the outbreaks and NDV was detected from the specimens to confirm the diagnosis, it would be wrong to change the diagnosis just because characterizing the detected virus did not yield a particular strain. Scientific knowledge is dynamic. 2. Reversion to virulence was suggested as a possibility. It is not a conclusion.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		