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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	**Author's comment** *(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)*
Compulsory REVISION comments	1. **It is not clear how it was decided how many specimens to obtain from each type of environmental source. There were very few fomites cultured but a great deal of time is spent in commenting upon the importance of the resistant organisms in the environment. This needs explanation in the paper and some comment needs to be made why and when these specimens were obtained and how the the sites were chosen for culturing. We already know that most environmental surfaces are contaminated with staphylococcal species and numerous other organisms.** 2. **The exact details of all the culturing techniques is probably not necessary. "Standard microbiology techniques" with references would be more appropriate in many of the places where details are overly specified.** 3. **Figures 1 and 2 are not necessary and can easily be placed in the text – the figures waste space and add nothing to the paper that a sentence or two would more aptly summarize.** 4. **Figure 3 would be much more effectively presented in a Table with percentages listed.** 5. **Figure 4 would be more effectively presented**	

	in a Table format as well. **6. I do not believe that there is any new resistance information added to the literature by these findings.** **7. Typing of organisms is not helpful unless specifically tied to resistance patterns in documented neonatal intensive care unit-associated infections in the same environment. So information regarding clinical data from the same neonatal ICU during the same time frame as the environmental sampling would be very effective in showing the potential importance of the environmental sampling.**	

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Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments	If this article is to be published in English language, someone who speaks native English must correct the too-numerous-to-count issues with the way in which this is written. Many of the sentences are in wrong tense, many are in wrong order (phrases out of alignment), and many only make sense after significant reading over and over again. It would be similar to my trying to publish an article in Spanish or Portuguese, even if I "learned" the language. It wouldn't sound right. This whole article does not read right or sound right. Almost every sentence needs to be rewritten by someone with native English skills. This is simply very ineffective communication.	

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