

### Accelerated evolution of SARS-CoV-2 in free-ranging white-tailed deer



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Reviewer #1 (Remarks to the Author):

My concerns (which were fairly minor) have been addressed with this revision.