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REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

Reviewer #1 (Remarks to the Author):

The revised manuscript has been modified to address the reviewer comments and questions and has been improved. I have no further comments.

Reviewer #2 (Remarks to the Author):

The authors have addressed the majority of comments raised during peer review, and have improved the quality of the manuscript as a result, specifically by including infectious titer data to support in vivo work, clarifying the relative novelty of the transmission findings in general, and providing more specificity regarding the transmission setup employed. No further comments.

Reviewer #3 (Remarks to the Author):

I raised some minor revisions previously, and this, together with the other reviewer's responses, has been adequately addressed. I have no more additional comments