The revised manuscript is suitable for publication. The authors should be asked to check the last sentence on page 8 which reads: "However, two virulent strains (Mahoney and MEF) produced the expected number of plaques, although the plaques were smaller in low than in high bicarbonate medium." The word at issue here is "bicarbonate". Since the bicarbonate concentration was constant in this particular experiment and the pH was varied should not the word "bicarbonate" be "pH"?