

Reviewer's report

Title: Statistical estimates of absenteeism attributable to seasonal and pandemic influenza from the Canadian Labour Force Survey

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Reviewer: Jeff C Kwong

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The authors have addressed all of my main concerns. I have only a few additional minor comments.

Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Abstract: Line 41: Suggest adding comma between "influenza" and "accounting." Missing "of" (should be "loss of 0.2%")
2. Methods: Data Sources: I know I asked for more information about the LFS, but I think the authors may have overdone it a bit. At the least, the contents of this paragraph could be more concisely stated.
3. Methods: Line 106: "the way" should be "a way"
4. Methods: Line 189: should be "lose" rather than "loose"
5. Results: Line 286: "due to"
6. Results: last paragraph: this paragraph contains both interpretation and speculation that probably don't belong in the Results section
7. Discussion: Line 356: missing "season" after 2005/06
8. Figure 3 caption: Line 509: remove comma

Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

None.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests