Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of vaccine candidates for the elderly: a review

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Discretionary revisions:
1) Table 1 is not necessary; the point could be presented more concisely in the text, with a note on where the data come from.

2) The conclusion that more research is needed surprises me. What do we still need to know? What kind of data do we need? How could we gather it?

3) The organization of the manuscript was difficult to follow at times. Consider moving the “vaccine” section toward the end, after the pathogens, disease burdens, and financial outcomes have been discussed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests