Reviewer's report

**Title:** Assessing the role of contact tracing in a suspected H7N2 influenza A outbreak in humans in Wales

**Version:** 2  **Date:** 8 February 2010

**Reviewer:** Istvan Kiss

**Reviewer's report:**

Minor essential revisions

The authors have addressed my comments and made changes that improve the presentation in the paper. The only extra clarification that the paper needs relates to Figure 3. The authors should specify how the idealised plots in Figure 3 are produced. I assume this only involves using some general rule by which individuals that have been contact traced are assigned a contact tracing time that is earlier than the actual date when contact tracing has happened. The authors should specify how this was done.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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