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Title: Willingness to accept H1N1 pandemic influenza vaccine: A cross-sectional study of Hong Kong community nurses

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Dear editor,

On behalf of the first author and other co-authors, I am submitting the revised research article “Willingness to accept H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Vaccine: A Cross-sectional Study of Hong Kong Community Nurses” for your re-consideration for possible publication in BMC Infection Diseases.

This is a first study to explore community nurses’ attitude towards their willingness to accept H1N1 vaccine and its reasons during influenza pandemic. The findings provide important and unique information to policy makers and healthcare manager especially for those who participate in the provision of community care services with regard to the infection control during an influenza pandemic.

We thought that the paper deserved to be published in BMC Infection Diseases as it is a first attempt to thoroughly explore the community nurses’ attitudes towards their willingness to accept vaccine during H1N1 influenza pandemic. We believe it will provide important information for health professionals, researchers and educators. Thank you very much for your kind consideration and looking forward to your comments.

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Reviewer’s Comments and Responses

Reviewer 1

1) The majority of the major review comments have been addressed. Although the stats comment has been addressed in the cover letter, it hasn't really been addressed in the text. If space allows, more detail would be preferable.

   R1: More lines regarding to the statistical comments have now been added into the manuscript.

2) Some of the changes have resulted in grammatical errors.

   R2: We have edited the manuscript.

Reviewer 2

1) The authors addressed appropriately all my previous comments. Some editing seems necessary before publication.

   R1: We have edited the manuscript as suggested by the reviewer.

Reviewer 3

No other comments.