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Revision
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The manuscript is well written and covers a very important public health issue. The following compulsory revisions are requested in order to let the manuscript suitable for publication on the Journal.

**Background**
- The authors stated that “The under-vaccination of health care workers to seasonal influenza is a well studied topic.”. Please provide some useful reference. As an example, it could be useful to cite Lam PP, Chambers LW, Macdougall DM, McCarthy AE. Seasonal influenza vaccination campaigns for health care personnel: systematic review. CMAJ. 2010 Sep 7;182(12):E542-8. Epub 2010 Jul 19.

**Methods**
- In the setting paragraph, the authors stated “HCWs' vaccinations are organized by hospital infection control committee and applied in relevant departments.”, but they did not indicate which are these relevant departments. Please provide details
- In the statistical paragraph, the authors need to indicate the statistical package and the level of statistical significance they used.

**Results**
- At page 8, line 9 and at page 9, line 8, there are two errors in reporting chi-square. Please correct
- The main results presented in table 6 need to be described in the results section.
Discussion

- In the last section the authors should report the use of media campaigns or non-profit organizations that might or might not push politicians and physicians to take action to address a perceived health problem via a vaccine. A useful reference for this is La Torre G. Value in assessing new vaccines. Ital J Public Health 2009; 3: 6(3): 202-204.

**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