Reviewer's report

Title: Did the pandemic have an impact on influenza vaccination attitude? A survey among health care workers

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- on page 6 it says that 91.3% of the sample was covered. I would suggest to rephrase: "...91.3% (n=807) of the intended sample size of 884 was reached"

- abstract: pls state the total number of participants so that percentages can be more easily understood. I already said in my first review that n and N need to be given conveniently and consistently, e.g. by using n(%) of N, or: "Among N participants, n(%) were ...". It is unpleasant for the reader if he/she has has to put the numbers together him/herself.

- abstract: I cannot follow the 30.4% vacc rate. There are 363+293+153=809 participants. Of these 228 were vaccinated which is 28%.

- abstract: in the conclusion it says that the vacc rate was higher than in the previous seasonal year, pls state the percentage.

- "confounding effect": is this not rather an effect modification?