Reviewer's report

Title: Risk Factors for Serotype 19A Carriage After Introduction of 7-valent Pneumococcal Vaccination

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The manuscript of Cohen et al. examined factors potentially related to 19A NP carriage by analyzing data from an ongoing prospective French national surveillance study of pneumococcal NP carriage in young children. However, there are some points that require clarifications.

Major Revisions
- A differentiation between children evaluated for check up and those with AOM has to be performed and results have to be presented divided in these two groups.
- In the abstract, the results and the discussion, factors associated with 19A carriage but also with carriage of PNSP has to be adequately considered.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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'