Reviewer's report

**Title:** Expatriates ill after travel: Results from the GeoSentinel surveillance network

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- **Major Compulsory Revisions**
  The adjusted odds ratio results are mentioned in the discussion section and not discussed as suggested in the previous review. Their importance is minimized in the same paragraph suggesting that the unadjusted results are more useful in practice. The aim of this manuscript is to describe the differences between expatriates and non-expatriates as defined by Geosentinel. The conclusions about these differences should be based on adjusted results. Drawing conclusions from differences in the unadjusted results is not appropriate because some of these are probably not related to the expat condition but to other characteristics like destination visited or length of stay. I suggest modifying the discussion in the last paragraph of page 13.

- **Minor Essential Revisions**
  None

- **Discretionary Revisions**
  None

**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