Reviewer’s report

Title: A snapshot from ongoing enhanced surveillance of invasive listeriosis in Lombardy, Italy, 2006-2010

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General comments:

This manuscript describes the molecular epidemiology of Listeria monocytogenes in the province of Lombardy, Italy. The report of interest for the Listeria community because is it gives a good overview of L. monocytogenes subtypes in a particular geographical region over a specific time period. The methods and results are appropriately described, however the discussion could be shortened and throughout the manuscript minor language errors can be found, which sometimes make part of the text unintelligible. Unfortunately, the current manuscript lacks line numbers, which makes it hard to point out specific errors in the text.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

Please have a native speaker with knowledge of the subject read through the manuscript, it currently contains multiple minor language errors, which make some parts of the manuscript unintelligible.

Minor Essential Revisions

Please provide line numbers in the revised manuscript. Without line numbers it is a lot of work for the reviewer to point out specific parts of the manuscript that need revision.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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