Reviewer's report

Title: Public awareness of major infectious diseases in a rural population of China: a cross-section study

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1. The topic is not accurately and indirectly expressed, "Public awareness of three major infectious diseases in rural Zhejiang Province, China: a cross-section study" is like more relevant to the research.

2. In "Results" under "ABSTRACT" part, "study population" should be modified into "study sample"; "revealing" into "study results showed that...."

3. How do the authors define the criterion for persons with 75%~100% score were considered to have "excellent grade of response" under "MEYHODS" part? what are the evidences?

4. As to the "refusal" in the same part, what is estimated refusal rate?

5. In "RESULTS" part, in order to show clear hierarchy, sub-titles should be added in this part

6. Also in this part, there are so many inaccurate discriptions, such as "two-thirds (61.02%) realized that...... ", because two-thirds is not equal to 61.02%, so "61.02% realized that ....." is enough

7. "selection bias" is used to be in stead of "selections bias" in "Limitations of the study"

8. Table 7 can be ignored

9. There are some descriptions are not uniform, for example, " .... in Zhejiang Province, China" in Table 1, while in Table 2, the discription is "....in a rural population in Zhejiang Province, China". The similar situation also appeared in the text, which are normalized

Level of interest: An exceptional article

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.

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