Reviewer’s report

Title: The influenza A (H1N1) pandemic in Reunion Island: knowledge, perceived risk and precautionary behaviour

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Reviewer: Marloes Buls

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I have read the revised manuscript and answers on my comments/questions. The manuscript has now been greatly improved and the comments/questions are thoroughly answered. In my opinion it is now suitable for publication and this could go ahead.

I just have some minor/discretionary comments:

1) The authors stated that the use of 2 decimal is usual and in accordance to BMC guidelines. However, use of 2 decimal is not consistent described in the manuscript (for example results section) and tables, sometimes only 1 decimal is described. For example, result section under heading 'perceived severity and vulnerability' 1st sentence score '6' and '5'. And 3th alinea level of concern '5.3'. Futhermore, pg 6 alinea regarding 'effectiveness of preventive measures' (3.1 versus 2.3). Check also table 2.1 and 2.3. Please use 2 decimal when scores or means are described.

2) Pg5 'The main health concern issues were (between 7.5 and 8.0) should be (between 7.6 and 8.0), in accordance with figure.

3) Pg 6 under heading 'Precautions taken': 3th alinea. Results of univariate analyses are described in two different tables, for example being female and having been vaccinated are described in table 3, with OR's, CI's and p-value, but perceived severity and vulnerability scores are described in table 2. Unclear why some results of univariate analyses are described in another table. Usually, results of univariate analyses are described in one and the same table.

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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'