Reviewer's report

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The authors response to the reviewer’s comments carefully. In the revised manuscript, the unique feature of this research has been emphasized again. Besides, the cases number has been confirmed, the means of controlling H7N9 infection in rural area has been added, and the weather data which is fail to hold a strong relevance with the topic has also been deleted.

The accuracy of the data has been checked in this revised manuscript. And the language has also been improved.

Generally speaking, the emphatic idea of this manuscript, which is that high proportion of rural residents and multi-exposure history in human cases of H7N9 virus in Zhejiang Province will benefit to offer substantial insight into the control and prevention of H7N9 infections in China.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.