Reviewer's report

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Reviewer's report:

The manuscript is detailed, and interesting. Various components of the manuscript are fairly well-written, succinct and clear. Besides minor editorial correction, I believe the manuscript will read well in the BMC infect Dis. I therefore support further progress with this manuscript.

Many thanks once again.

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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