Reviewer's report

Title: Attitudes, practices and information needs towards novel influenza A (H7N9) among employees of food production and operation in Guangzhou, Southern China.

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Minor Revisions

I have very much interested in this study. I believe that findings by authors would be the necessity information for improving the further health education relating to H7N9 even the selection bias is existed in the study design. Moreover, the focusing the employees of food production as the study sample is unique and they are the populations who are directly received the influences of H7N9 outbreaks.

I only have a concern about the situation for taking face-to-face interview. Authors found that the majority of study participants thought that the H7N9 information published by government was accurate and transparent. It is a good result; however, the study was conducted by the Guangzhou CDC. If the participants knew about the Guangzhou CDC conducted the investigation, the answer by the residents in Guangzhou might be some influences to the question asking about the works for the government. How did authors manage about this concern? If they did a masking or some efforts, it should be included in the study method.

Spelling mistakes
p. 3 line 14 (in the section of Background)
ASRS……it might mean SARS.

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.