Reviewer’s report

Title: Seroprevalence of Hepatitis A Infection in a Low Endemicity Country: A Systematic Review

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General

This is a very thorough systematic review leading to important and logical conclusions.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached) NONE

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct) NONE

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1) could you differentiate more clearly within 'subjects born outside Canada' between born in industrialized nations (e.g. Northern Europe) vs. in developing countries?

2) suggest you add few details about the age structure in the Inuit population described on p9, para 

3) you may also consider to mention that analysis of the lifetime exposure to HAV in the Canadian population might be worthwhile to be analyzed.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

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