Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiologic Study of Aseptic Meningitis in Daejeon, Korea (1987 through 2003)

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General

The manuscript entitled "Epidemiological study of aseptic meningitis in Daejon, Korea (1987 through 2003)" submitted by KY Lee at al to BMC infectious disease is reporting purely epidemiological information about 2001 cases of aseptic meningitis observed during epidemics. This descriptive work lacks virological information and do not provide new information as compared to previously published work. Moreover, the authors assume that the frequency of these epidemics putatively related to the circulation of different EV serotype may be linked to the herd immunity. Nothing in the manuscript can support this since there is no information about the viruses detected in cases in the same period of time, except those already published.

Overall, this manuscript is providing very little information and should not be accepted for publication in BMC infectious disease.

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No