Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiological investigations of human rabies in China

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Major Compulsory Revisions: The paper is globally poorly written. Data about demographics of human rabies in China 96-06 has been already published by Han Si et al. (BMC Infectious Diseases 2008. 8: 113) as well as details about the 3 affected provinces of Southern/Central China and are therefore not original. Analysis of rabies PEP treatment do not add significantly more information that the corresponding analysis in the Han Si paper.

The only original data in this study is the status of rabies infection in chinese dogs and their low vaccination rate which is not a new finding.

In conclusion, the manuscript do no present sufficiently new data and is not suitable for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases in my opinion.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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' below.