Reviewer’s report

Title: Children with pertussis inform the investigation of other pertussis cases among contacts

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Reviewer: Daniel Floret

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General: the paper is acceptable

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

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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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

the justification of the cut off age of 11y1/2 as explained by the authors should appear in the comments (ie vaccine coverage and age at vaccination in Brazil).

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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 am the co author of a submitted paper on pertussis transmission. however, the design of the study is quite different and I cannot consider that as a real competing interest