Reviewer's report

**Title:** A survey of pediatricians’ attitudes regarding influenza immunization in children

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The authors explore an important area of inquiry: pediatrician response to expanded influenza vaccine recommendations for children. Generally, the manuscript is well written and easy to follow. The authors appropriately acknowledge the primary limitations of this survey (low response rate, single state).

**Discretionary Revisions**

It appears that the authors present their results in the order found on the survey instrument. However, one could argue that the self-reported vaccination rates for various groups is perhaps the weakest portion of the study. Physicians are known to overestimate vaccination rates, and the rates found in this survey probably are not realistic. What would the authors identify as the "new contributions" to the literature? (Perhaps it would be pediatricians' interest in participating in school vaccination campaigns.) Could they reorganize their results and discussion to emphasize those new contributions?

Also, on pg 10, the authors state that increased reimbursement will be essential to increasing influenza vaccine rates. The authors may wish to soften this language, or reference the statement.

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**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.