Reviewer's report

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The authors have addressed some comments in their revision but have skirted the main comment of some providing some discussion on how their suggested approach could apply to other settings/subject areas. To illustrate, what are the implications of these concepts for surveillance sites in Asia and Africa?

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interests