Reviewer's report

Title: A cross-sectional survey to evaluate knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) regarding seasonal influenza vaccination among international travellers

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This is an interesting report on the vaccination rate against influenza in travelers in the Zurich Travel Clinic waiting room. The result is that the vaccination rate is low and that the reasons for not being vaccinated are slightly different from those in the general population. The population is quite different also, as are the methods.

The authors describe the methods of three studies in their method section. This is confusing, because they only performed one study (ZRM) and compared their data with parts of two earlier published studies (airport and EVM). I think the comparison belongs to the discussion section.

As stated above, the methods and the population were quite different. The conclusion of the authors are intriguing but not based on the results. In the abstract they compare the vaccination rate (in decimals!) in the age group >65y based on only 5% of the subjects (30 persons). The authors do not try to correct for any confounder.

I think a short report on the vaccination rate of persons visiting the vaccination clinic could be the outcome of this study. Interesting, but not enough to attract an international readership.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests