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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The authors compare the incidence of influenza vaccination among travelers leaving Switzerland this year with those found in 2 previous studies carried out in subjects with different characteristics. This is, in my opinion, not possible even if data collected this year are, at least in one case, quite similar to those found some years ago. Moreover, one of the studies used to compare data collected this year is mentioned only in the methods but it is not used later when results are discussed. I think that the best solution is to avoid any comparison and only cite the previous studies in the discussion, underlying differences and similarities. Moreover, because influenza vaccination is not recommended in adult healthy subjects it is not surprising that travellers that remain in the same hemisphere are not vaccinated. It should be interesting to compare the incidence of vaccination between subjects that leave Zurich to rich a Country sited in a different hemisphere with that of subjects that remain in the same hemisphere.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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