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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Although the authors have put things in place, the study is still of limited value. Adding another survey does not improve that. The results of this study only cover visitors of this specific travel clinic in Zurich. The fact that the results are comparable with other surveys in the same clinic do not alter this limitation.

Moreover, adding another survey makes it more complicated: the rationale for being vaccinated or not might have changed after the pandemic. The significant change in seasonal vaccination coverage is exemplaric. Adding both populations is not sound.

With all these limitations it is a wonder that the well known variables still come up: age and previous vaccination. The conclusion of the study could be that age and previous vaccination are the best predictors in any population.

Some small remarks:
- in the abstract the methods section does not give the methods (log regression)
- the conclusion is not based on the results: risk perception etc was very poor among visitors of the zurich travel clinic (not among international travellers)
- and by the way: why was it poor? compared with what?
- in the results the travel characteristics are not very informative: they could be different a month later, depending on the season
- the subset of business travellers (n=92) is too smaal to draw conclusions

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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