Reviewer’s report

Title: Economic Burden of Dengue in Cambodia

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Reviewer: Olaf Horstick

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Summary: This is an article about the economic burden of dengue in Cambodia, including analysing the costs met by affected people and with this describing a novel view to the problem of dengue in Cambodia.

Congratulations to the authors, this is a very well written paper, from the public health point of view with important messages to policy makers.

It would be good to
- have a reviewer/expert in economic analysis to review the economic methods aspects of the article
- improve on English editing
- and to redirect the conclusion towards a more general recommendation to increase spending in dengue control, including vector control. Otherwise the reader may think that we have to wait for a vaccine for any improvements in dengue control. If this is adapted in the conclusions, the abstract would need to be adapted as well.

Otherwise no hesitation to recommend for publication.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   Yes

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   From a public health aspect: yes, would need an expert in economic analysis to assess the methods

3. Are the data sound?
   From a public health aspect: yes, would need an expert in economic analysis to assess the methods

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
Yes

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes, but suggest further English editing
Further to this please find a minor comment in the revised article.
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**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**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