Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Low Usage of Government Healthcare Facilities for Acute Respiratory Infections in Guatemala: Implications for Influenza Surveillance

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The article is well written and the selected objectives are relevant and very interesting for the understanding of sentinel surveillance systems. The methods are well chosen and adequately applied and described, allowing for replication in different settings. The potential problems and limitations are addressed by the authors. The questions are answered clearly and completely.

I can not suggest revisions to significantly improve this article.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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