Reviewer’s report

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This is an uncomplicated survey that uncovers useful information in support of the integrated PH surveillance between PH Departments and hospitals. This is very logical approach and will have an effect on future planning. Therefore the question posed by th4e authors and their survey is well defined. Methods are appropriate and the data and analysis is sound.

The discussions are appropriate and conclusions well based. The authors acknowledge others studies and cover the limitations adequately.

Only two very minor grammatical errors detected

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.