Reviewer’s report

Title: Controlling epidemic spread by social distancing: Do it well or not at all

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The aspect of the study that is likely of some interest is that of attempting to qualify cost/benefit of a social distancing intervention during an epidemic. Whether this is sufficient to warrant publication in light of the model deficiencies is arguable.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'