Reviewer’s report

Title: Public health management of antiviral drugs during the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic: A survey of local health departments in California

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Comments and discretionory revisions:
1. The question posed by the authors is well defined and relevant to future pandemic planning. The methods are appropriate and well defined.
2. The authors should explain more about the non-responding counties and how they are different/similar to responders.
3. The data are simple descriptive statistics, did the authors consider testing for significant differences between size of county?
4. The authors need to add more about how pharmacies were used for dispensing. The tables are acceptable.
5. The discussion and conclusions are well written. The authors cite relevant literature. The title and abstract are acceptable.
6. Suggest the authors provide recommendations as to how California will use the data from the study to improve pandemic planning in the state.

Key suggestion (discretionary)
1. There was a mention that county size was ascertained, but data were not stratified by county size. The authors show display at least some of the data stratified by county size categories.

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 have no competing interests nor conflict of interests in any way or manner.