Reviewer's report

Title: Trends in influenza vaccination coverage in Portugal from 1998 to 2010

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This is an interesting well written manuscript but before I can make a decision I need the authors to answer some comments and especially I need to see Tables 1 to 3 that are not included in the manuscript I have received.

Major compulsory revision
I have not received Table 1, 2 and 3 please include them in the next revision.

I think it would be very interesting, is possible, to provide results separately for those with and without chronic conditions for each season.

Is unclear for me if data for season 2009/10 refers only to seasonal vaccine or if the pandemic vaccine has been also included in the coverage. It would be interesting to have separate coverage data for 2009/10 season (seasonal/pandemic)

In the discussion authors compare their results with quite old studies. Recent papers in European Countries and the US providing coverages for more recent years are available; please include them in the discussion.

Some recommendations to increase vaccination coverage in Portugal would be interesting

Minor revision
The introduction is too long, please consider reducing it.

A table describing how the recommendations have been modified over time may be interesting.

References should be checked.

Access to url should be updated.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.
Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'