Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Social factors related to the clinical severity of influenza cases in Spain during the a (h1n1) 2009 virus pandemic

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**Reviewer:** Sharon Ghuman

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Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

None.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The 3rd paragraph mentions that “disease severity worsened in tandem with the number of risk factors and comorbidities…” Please explain how the study measured “disease severity.”

“Various studies have shown a relationship between the health status and social inequalities…” – it is not clear what this sentence on its own signifies – either develop this idea further or delete the sentence.

Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None.

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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.