Reviewer's report

Title: Heterogeneity in regional notification patterns and its impact on aggregate national case notification data: the example of measles in Italy

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a) Discretionary revisions
The Authors could try to interpret the reasons of the under-reporting in Italy to better explain the reasons of the study (i.e. lack of understanding of the problem among de g.p.'s; lack of a feed-back mechanism to the g.p's)

b) Compulsory revisions

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