Reviewer's report

Title: Sentinel surveillance for human enterovirus 71 in Sarawak, Malaysia: Lessons from the first 7 years.

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General

The authors have adequately addressed the critiques of the original manuscript.

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

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

Page 10, lines 15-17: It is true that the RD cell line is more susceptible to viruses of HEV-A than are many other commonly used cell lines, they are also efficient in isolating HEV-B (echoviruses, CVB to a lesser extent) and HEV-C. This statement should be omitted.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Page 13, line 21 and page 14, line 10: What is meant by a "significant enterovirus?"

Figure 1: Ensure that the shading used for CVA16 will reproduce properly.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'