Reviewer's report

Title: Establishing a Nationwide Emergency Department-based Syndromic Surveillance System for Better Public Health Responses in Taiwan

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Reviewer: Kenneth Mandl

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General
The authors have been responsive to the reviewers and have improved the paper significantly.

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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)

On page 3, the statement "RODS, is the commonly used syndromic surveillance system in the United States" should be changed to "Rods is a commonly used surveillance system in the United States."

On page 5 in the first paragraph, by "odd" do the authors mean "abberent"?

The authors should work with the BMC copy editor on minor language problems.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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