Reviewer’s report

Title: Weather conditions and sudden sensorineural hearing loss

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Level of interest: A paper whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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General comments:
The paper gives a detailed analysis of the incidence of sudden sensorineural hearing loss in correlation with weather conditions. Since the correlation of sudden hearing loss with changes of weather is commonly discussed among clinicians, publication of the paper is recommended.

Discretionary revision:
1. Figure 1 could be improved by using absolute number of cases (n) rather than percent of cases on the Y-axis.
2. In figure 2 and 3 the title of the Y-axis should read 'number of cases (n)' rather than just 'cases'.
3. The figure legend of figure 4 should explain that number of days means incidence of a certain cluster in days. Furthermore, the different clusters should be described in the legend to simplify reading.

Competing interests:

None declared.