Reviewer's report

Title: Determination of French influenza outbreaks periods between 1985 and 2011 through a web-based Delphi method

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Major Compulsory Revisions
The authors have designed a good study to derive the outbreak periods of the seasonal influenza outbreaks in France. It would be valuable for other countries in the world if the authors could derive some rules of thumb (or discuss the factors) for determination of the start and end of the influenza season.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests.