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Title: A cost comparison of electronic and hybrid data collection systems in Ontario during pandemic and seasonal influenza vaccination campaigns

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Dear Dr. Norton:

On behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada/Canadian Institutes of Health Research Influenza Research Network (PCIRN) Vaccine Coverage Theme Group, I am pleased to submit the attached manuscript, “A cost comparison of electronic and hybrid data collection systems in Ontario during pandemic and seasonal influenza vaccination campaigns” for consideration as a research article in the BMC Health Services Research Journal.

In our economic evaluation, we compare the costs of collecting individual-level seasonal and pandemic influenza immunization data using a fully electronic system versus a hybrid system (which is comprised of both paper-based and electronic components). Given the benefits of having data in a readily available format for operational planning and decision-making, but the perception that the high cost of electronic systems is prohibitive to their use, we anticipate that these findings will be valuable to vaccine program managers, public health officials, and other decision-makers who will be involved in future planning of vaccination campaigns.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Pereira