Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Ana Rappold

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Thank you for an opportunity to review manuscript titled:” Associations between mortality and meteorological and pollutant variables during the cool season in two Asian cities with sub-tropical climates: Hong Kong and Taipei.”

I thought the topic of the paper is important and interesting. Overall the paper was well written however I have to recommend some changes. Since authors are interested in association between mortality and temperature I would strongly recommend using more then one season of data or using different statistical method while accounting for some other major contributors to winter season mortality. In US for examples this would be flue outbreaks.

Best wishes,
Ana Rappold

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 do not have competing interests in reviewing this manuscript.