Reviewer's report

Title: Accuracy of epidemiological inferences based on publicly available information: retrospective comparative analysis of line lists of human cases infected with influenza A(H7N9) in China

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Reviewer: Walter Haas

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I have thoroughly evaluated the responses of the authors and feel that all issues raised have been sufficiently addressed.

Concerning the files with original data, they should be formatted correctly for the excel spreadsheet format. (Currently, the authors pasted all information into the first column.)

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"