Reviewer's report

Title: Combination Strategies for Pandemic Influenza Response - a Systematic Review of Mathematical Modeling Studies

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Dear authors

you have done a good job of the changes and I am happy to accept the review for publication

There was one minor point highlighted in terms of the discussion
I draw attention to the Cochrane Handbook (Chapter 6) which suggests searching

The Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL), MEDLINE and EMBASE (if access is available to either the review author or TSC) should be searched for all Cochrane reviews, either directly or via the CRG's Specialized Register.

Searches should seek high sensitivity, which may result in relatively low precision.

You can see this is multiple databases (I'm not suggesting you do this as it is for RCTs)

Therefore I would like the authors to address one minor essential revision in the discussion by emphasizing the potential for unpublished or published studies to be missed as a limitation

I do not need to review these changes further and am happy for the paper to be published

Cheers Carl

Which journal?: Appropriate or potentially appropriate for BMC Medicine: an article of importance in its field

What next?: Accept for publication in BMC Medicine after discretionary revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’ below.