Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of the impact of disease prevention measures: A methodological note on defining incidence rates

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This paper proposed a method to deduct the curative treatment time from the observation time in studies of recurrent events. The authors also applied the formulae to two studies to illustrate the difference between with and without deduction. The description is clear and reasonable. I just have a few minor comments.

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