Reviewer's report

Title: An outbreak following importation of wild poliovirus in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China, 2011

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Dear Editor,

The paper by Hai-Bo Wang and Hui-Ming Luo “An outbreak following importation of wild poliovirus Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, China, 2011” deals with a very important topic of wild poliovirus transmission to non-endemic area, and the healthcare system preparedness to control and monitor the infection spread.

Major Compulsory Revisions

There are a couple of gaps in the paper, after thoughtful reading, the reader could find all the missing answers in already published papers by the same group (only reference #1 and #3 cited in the manuscript, see below). The resemblance is too high: the study design, the same materials and results can all be found in the publications listed below. As the matter of fact, the figures and tables look exactly like or slightly modified as previously published. Table 1 is the same as Table 1 in reference #1, #3. Figure 1 is the same as in reference #4, Figure 4 is same as Figure 2 described in reference #2, etc.

References:


After thoughtful review, the current paper does not provide any novelty and in fact it is a re-edited version of results and findings of previously published papers, therefore it does not seem appropriate for the publication, unless the authors can provide a strong argument to the contrary.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.