Reviewer’s report

Title: Syphilis in the economic center of South China: Results from a real-time web-based surveillance programme

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Reviewer: Claudia Estcourt

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Thank you for asking me to review this useful paper which adds considerably to the literature in the field and provides a comprehensive, novel way of presenting epidemiological data relevant to syphilis in China.

I do not have any pertinent recommendations for changes to the manuscript and associated figures / tables

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? YES
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? YES
3. Are the data sound? YES
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7. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? YES
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9. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? YES
10. Is the writing acceptable? YES

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.