Reviewer’s report

Title: ICU-treated influenza A(H1N1) pdm09 infections more severe post pandemic than during 2009 pandemic: a retrospective analysis

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I am very grateful for the invitation to review the manuscript. Investigators compared patients requiring ICU admission with influenza infection during the pandemic and the post-pandemic period. The main limitation of the study is the low number of patients included.

Comments:

- If the authors consider it appropriate, the name of the virus should be changed to influenza A (H1N1) pdm09

- Recent studies have questioned whether pregnancy confers an increased risk for severe influenza disease

- Have the authors calculated the sample size?

- How were co-morbidities defined?

- What was the time of administration of the influenza vaccine, last year?

- What was the time from hospital admission to antiviral administration?

- References 2 and 10 are the same

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