Reviewer’s report

Title: An appraisal: how notifiable infectious diseases are reported by Hungarian family physicians

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This manuscript reports on an important topic for both FP and Public Health institutions: regular surveillance and reporting about selected infectious diseases in Hungary with a focus on the attitude, knowledge and behavior of FP. I have the following comments:

- The introduction is too long and some of the references cited here should rather be used for comparative analyses in the discussion

- More details on the organisation of the reporting system should be given- for example, is the reporting paid to FP?

- More details are needed in the method section about the educational programm for the participating FP; does/did the curriculum include the field of epidemiology? how does this group of FP compare to the rest of FP in Hungary? Why is there no control group included (FP NOT taking part in the educational programm)?

- Table 2 needs headings for the 3 regression analyses

- The authors should refer to the respective data/tables in the results when they interpret their findings in the discussion

- The discussion lacks a paragraph on limitations (such as selection bias) and a comparison of the data obtained with that from other countries or health care systems

- Possible reasons for the results obtained should be mentioned and recommendations for improvement should be given

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