Reviewer’s report

Title: Epidemiology of influenza in pregnant women hospitalized with respiratory illness in Moscow, 2012/2013-2015/2016: a hospital-based active surveillance study

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This manuscript reports on a single center descriptive study on influenza in pregnancy.

The topic is of interest, and the description is sound and well written. However, I have two main questions:

Regarding the participation of this center in the Global Influenza Hospital Surveillance Network, and part of the authors are also authors on recent publications from this network (see their website),

1. I see no additional new information,

2. Why not publication of these results in a joint network publication as before? This will make the numbers much stronger and will omit some limitations the authors themselves note in the discussion. This is the core value of this network anyway.

Unless the authors can convince me otherwise, regarding 1, and 2, I see no urgency for separate publication of this manuscript.

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