Reviewer's report

Title: Influenza-attributable deaths in south-eastern France (1999 to 2010): mortality predictions were undependable.

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All comments are minor essential before publication:

Presentation:
It is not well presented and not easy to read. The authors need to articulate their views in a coherent way. The article also needs some work on the language side of things.

Examples:
Please be consistent in expressing the name of the virus as (Influenza virus A (H1N1)) such as in line 64 and 77.
Please make it clear when you talk about seasonal influenza or pandemic influenza. For example in line 83 “we estimated the influenza-attributable deaths”. I assume this is for seasonal influenza?
Reference to data sources should be quoted at the end of the article such as lines 89, 93, and 97.

Methods:
This section is not clear to me, for example, the authors mentioned mortality data were used but it is not clear if this data was about all deaths from all causes across all age groups or influenza related deaths.

Discussion section:
Line 174: I am not sure the word “drastically” has been used appropriately.
Line 214-215: “others causes”…should be other cause, without “S”.
Line 217: I believe you wanted to say front page or front line publications? Please check language appropriateness.

Conclusion section:
In line 226, can you please clarify what is pdm? Also, it would be nice to see the virus name’s format consistently the same (influenza virus A (H1N1)).

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
published

**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'