Reviewer's report

Title: Factors associated with uptake of influenza vaccine in people aged 50 to 64 years in Hong Kong: A case-control study

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Discretionary revisions
1. I found it interesting that there were those who were vaccinated but did not know that they belonged to a recommended group for influenza vaccination. Interesting discussion point as to why and how they would get vaccinated.
2. I think it would be incredibly useful to the reader to briefly mention the health care system in Hong Kong in terms of payment for vaccines earlier in the article as it does bring some of the discussion points into context.
3. I think it would be very amiss not to discuss the reasons behind the gross difference between the national uptake figure of vaccination within this group of 8.5% and what was the uptake figure within the cohort you intercepted (approx 31%).

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I own GSK shares and have received a salary from GSK in the last 5 years.