Reviewer's report

Title: School-based syndromic surveillance for detecting malaria epidemics: experiences from Ethiopia

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This study was described in excellent detail. Although the study was unable to ultimately test the crucial hypothesis due to a lack of malaria transmission peak, the study was able to describe the study group in greater detail and to examine the potential positive and negative contributors to the successful use of a syndromic surveillance system to detect malaria in the community.

- Major Compulsory Revisions
  None

- Minor Essential Revisions
  None

- Discretionary Revisions
  None

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.