Reviewer's report

Title: Risk of Zika virus transmission in the Euro-Mediterranean area and the added value of building preparedness to arboviral threats from a One Health perspective

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The authors describe the functioning of a network of agencies in order to build preparedness for coping with new and emerging arboviral threats (such as those posed by Zika virus). In large part they have done this. However, I have some suggestions to improve the clarity and impact of this paper.

General comments

1. To demonstrate that preparedness has actually been enhanced, and that this approach will work, the authors should draw on previous examples of how a multinational approach to infectious disease management has been successful. Can the utility of their approach be shown to be effective given previous attempts?

2. Commentary about the countries NOT part of the network would be useful. For instance, how much of a problem is the absence of some countries (e.g. Greece)?

Specific comments

3. Suggest using bold or sub-headings to more clearly indicate the four sub-networks to aid in clarity.

4. Suggest using country labels on Fig 1.

5. Ensure that the definite article is used before 'Euro-Mediterranean area' throughout

6. Capacity-building should be hyphenated throughout
7. Line 43: should read, '...a corollary...

8. Start new paragraph with 'Indeed...' on Line 47

9. Many would disagree that the isolation of Zika virus from many mosquito species necessarily means that there are vector populations with high vectorial capacity. Suggest toning this language down.

10. Avoid single-sentence paragraphs (such as for lines 67-68)

11. Numbers less than 10 should be written out, e.g. 'three' on line 89.

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