Reviewer’s report

Title: First nationwide web-based surveillance system for influenza-like illness in pregnant women: participation and representativeness of the French G-GrippeNet cohort

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Generally the article is well written and articulated.

Page 2, lines 27 to 29: The stated objective in your abstract is not consistent with the stated aim in the background section (page 4, line 72 & 73)

Also, did you mean the study aimed to describe the EPIDEMIOLOGY of seasonal influenza or was there an epidemic of seasonal influenza?

In Methods section you mentioned that you carried out a multivariate analysis of predictors of active participation but this is not reflected adequately in your discussion and conclusion.

The discussion section highlights important limitations in such studies i.e. online surveys (volunteer bias) however it would have been nice to see a detailed discussion on what impact this programme could have or anticipated to have on outcomes (such as IMR) in France.

Overall, the research makes a useful article.

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