
TAKING THE NEXT STEP: TURNING YOUR ABSTRACT INTO A PAPER

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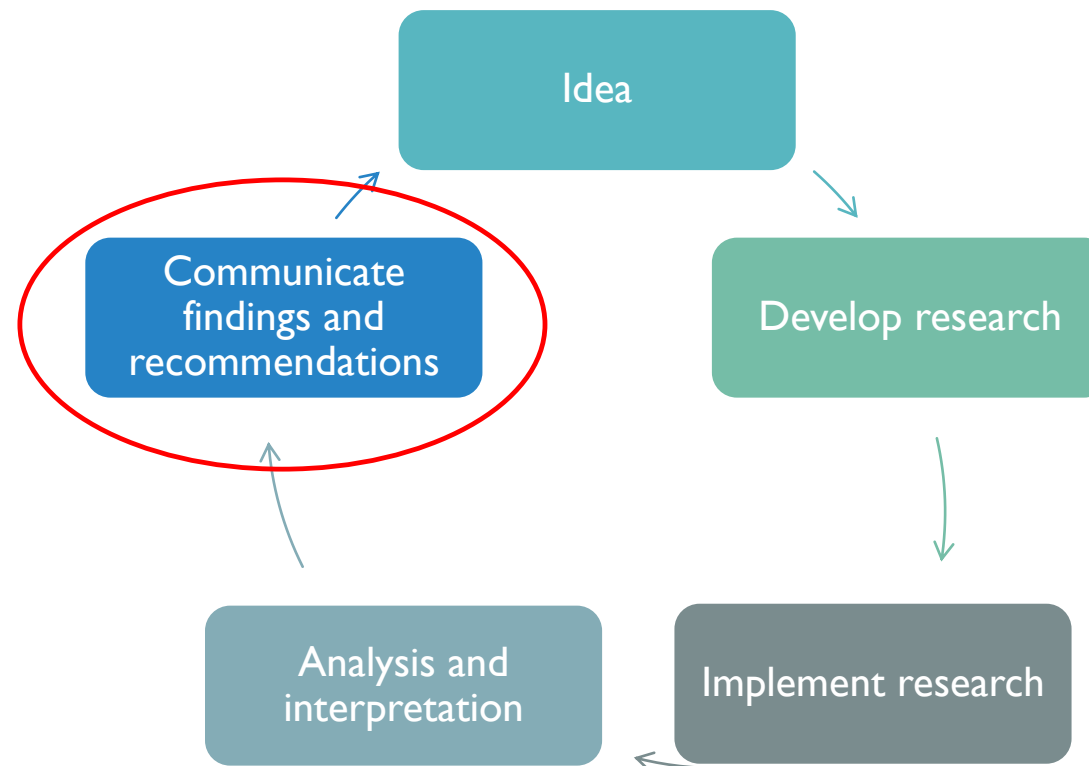
VANUATU 2ND HEALTH RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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RESEARCH LIFECYCLE



WAYS TO COMMUNICATE RESEARCH FINDINGS

- Conferences
- Peer-reviewed journals
- Plain English statements
- Media releases
- Workshops



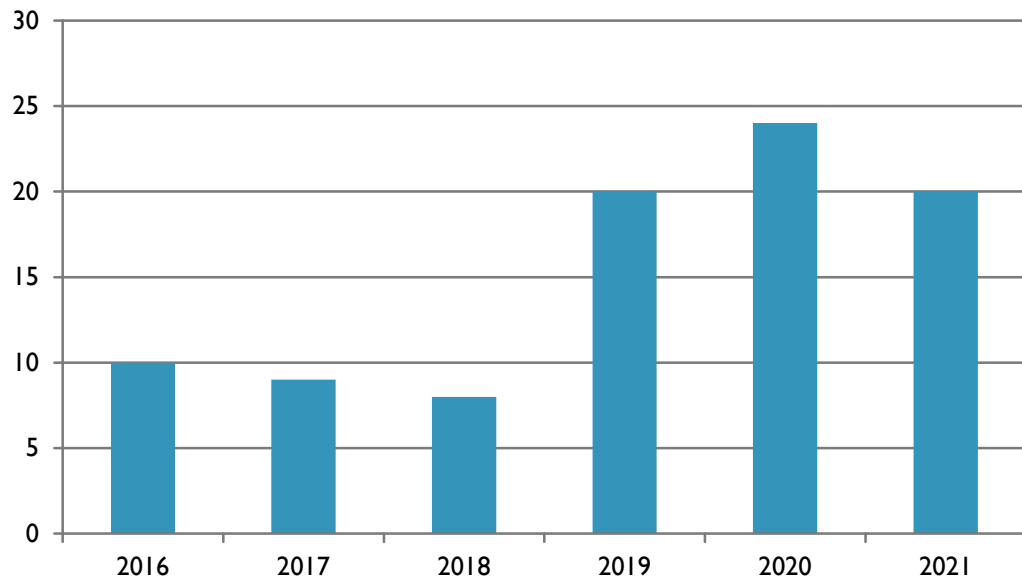
WHY PUBLISH MEDICAL, NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH?

- To contribute to the discussion
- To communicate something new or interesting
- To build the body of knowledge on a topic
- For academic and career development

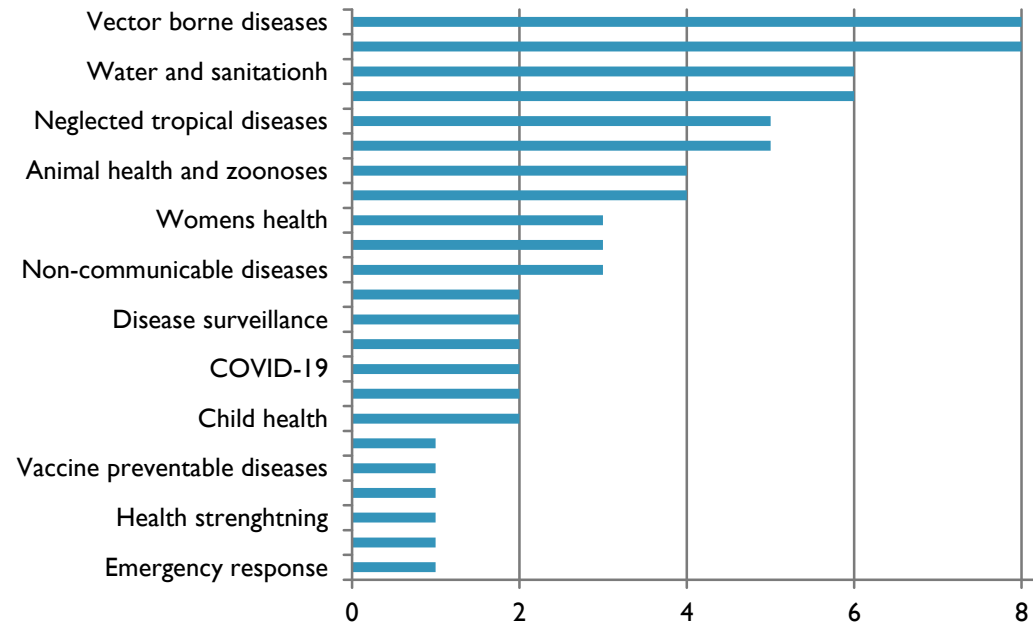


CITATIONS WITH “VANUATU” IN THE TITLE IN PUBMED IN THE PAST 5 YEARS

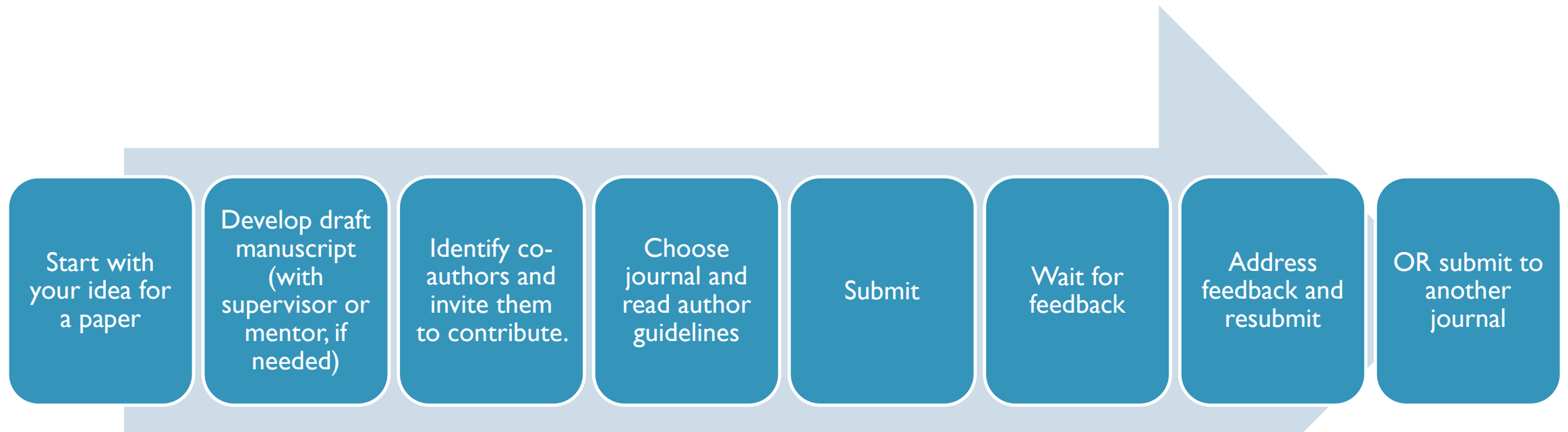
Number of citations with Vanuatu in the title



Number of publications by topic



OVERVIEW OF PUBLISHING



Timeframe.... Minimum 6 months, usually around 12 months



I. START WITH YOUR IDEA

- Your Symposium oral or poster presentation!



2. DEVELOP DRAFT MANUSCRIPT

- Generally drafted by the lead author with input from the senior author
- Co-authors may be asked to provide input at any stage
- Its ok to circulate something that isn't "polished"

General structure:

- Title page:
 - Authors
 - Keywords
- Abstract (~250 words)
- Manuscript (~3000 words)
 - Background and objective
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion
- References
 - Useful to use reference manager such as EndNote (EST) or Mendeley (free)



3. IDENTIFY CO-AUTHORS

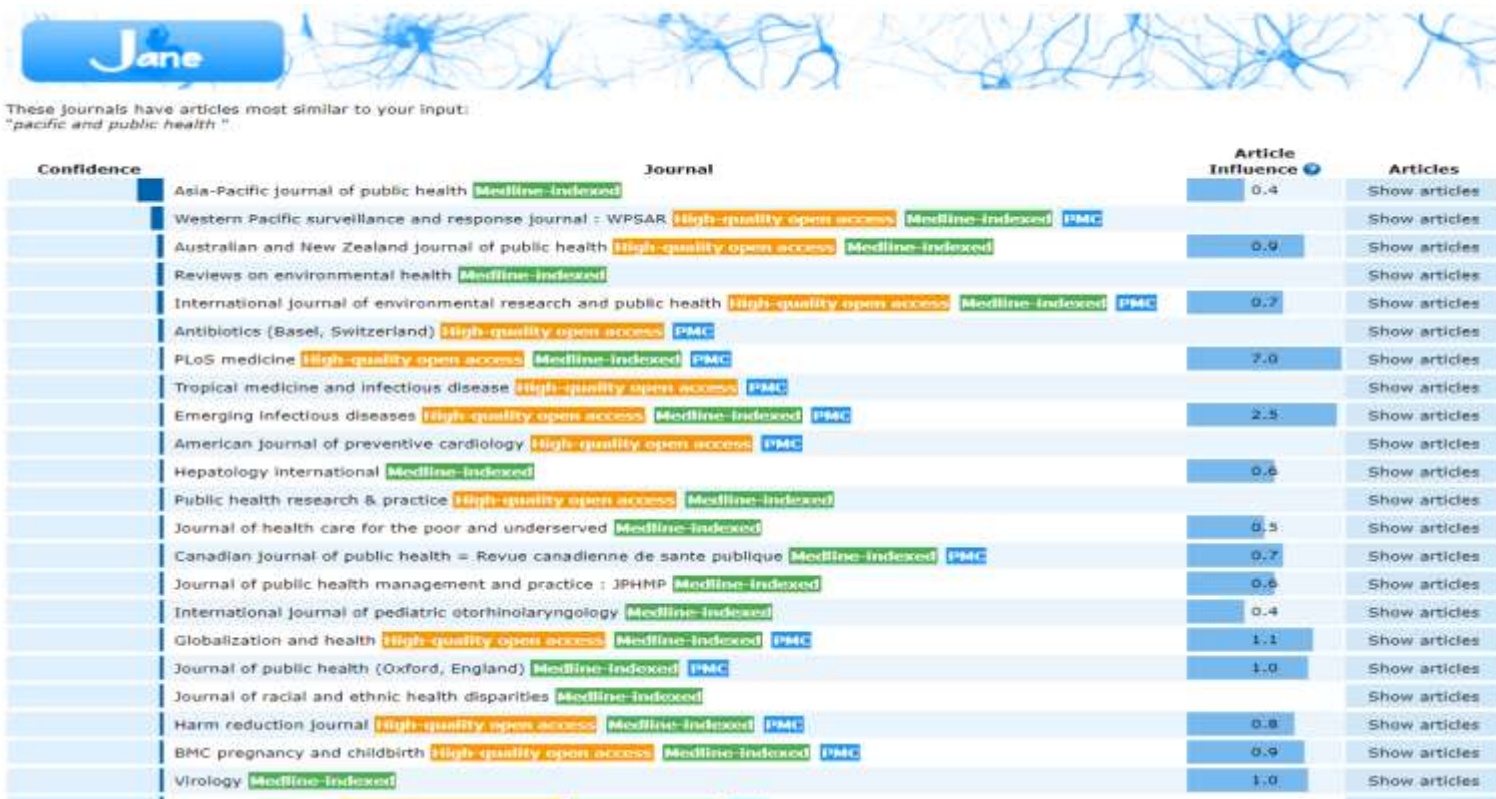
- **Any person who has made a significant contribution to a journal article**
 - Conception, design, interpretation AND
 - Drafting of work AND
 - Approved the publication
- Offer the opportunity to contribute rather than automatically “gifting” authorship
- Commonplace to use the *Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly work in Medical Journals*
- Author placement:
 - Generally the first author is the lead author
 - Generally the last author is the senior author
 - Level of participation dictates authorship order

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MEDICAL JOURNAL EDITORS



4. CHOOSE A JOURNAL

- **Discipline specific**
 - International or regional?
 - <https://jane.biosemantics.org/suggestions.php>
- **Quality of the journal**
 - Impact factor
 - Other metrics
 - General rule – start at a “reasonable” top and work your way down
- **Cost**
 - Cost to publish can be free or <US\$<2000
- **Accessibility to readers**
 - Regional journals
 - Open access
 - Medline indexed



These journals have articles most similar to your input: "pacific and public health".

| Confidence | Journal | Article Influence | Articles |
|------------|---|-------------------|---------------|
| | Asia-Pacific journal of public health Medline-indexed | 0.4 | Show articles |
| | Western Pacific surveillance and response journal : WPSAR High-quality open access Medline-indexed PMC | | Show articles |
| | Australian and New Zealand journal of public health High-quality open access Medline-indexed | 0.9 | Show articles |
| | Reviews on environmental health Medline-indexed | | Show articles |
| | International journal of environmental research and public health High-quality open access Medline-indexed PMC | 0.7 | Show articles |
| | Antibiotics (Basel, Switzerland) High-quality open access PMC | | Show articles |
| | PLoS medicine High-quality open access Medline-indexed PMC | 7.0 | Show articles |
| | Tropical medicine and infectious disease High-quality open access PMC | | Show articles |
| | Emerging infectious diseases High-quality open access Medline-indexed PMC | 2.5 | Show articles |
| | American journal of preventive cardiology High-quality open access PMC | | Show articles |
| | Hepatology international Medline-indexed | 0.6 | Show articles |
| | Public health research & practice High-quality open access Medline-indexed | | Show articles |
| | Journal of health care for the poor and underserved Medline-indexed | 0.5 | Show articles |
| | Canadian journal of public health = Revue canadienne de sante publique Medline-indexed PMC | 0.7 | Show articles |
| | Journal of public health management and practice : JPHMP Medline-indexed | 0.6 | Show articles |
| | International journal of pediatric otorhinolaryngology Medline-indexed | 0.4 | Show articles |
| | Globalization and health High-quality open access Medline-indexed PMC | 1.1 | Show articles |
| | Journal of public health (Oxford, England) Medline-indexed PMC | 1.0 | Show articles |
| | Journal of racial and ethnic health disparities Medline-indexed | | Show articles |
| | Harm reduction journal High-quality open access Medline-indexed PMC | 0.8 | Show articles |
| | BMC pregnancy and childbirth High-quality open access Medline-indexed PMC | 0.9 | Show articles |
| | Virology Medline-indexed | 1.0 | Show articles |

TOP JOURNALS IN MEDICINE 2017

| | Journal name | Impact factor | Items published | Issues per |
|----|--|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | 2017 | 2015 and 2016 | Year |
| 1 | New England Journal of Medicine | 72.406 | 670 | 52 |
| 2 | Lancet | 47.831 | 646 | 52 |
| 3 | Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) | 44.405 | 410 | 48 |
| 4 | British Medical Journal | 20.785 | 446 | 52 |
| 5 | Annals of Internal Medicine | 17.135 | 150 | 24 |
| 6 | JAMA Internal Medicine | 16.538 | 275 | 12 |
| 7 | PLOS Medicine | 11.862 | 286 | 12 |
| 8 | Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle | 9.697 | 88 | 4 |
| 9 | BMC Medicine | 7.901 | 418 | |
| 10 | Journal of Internal Medicine | 7.598 | 194 | 12 |

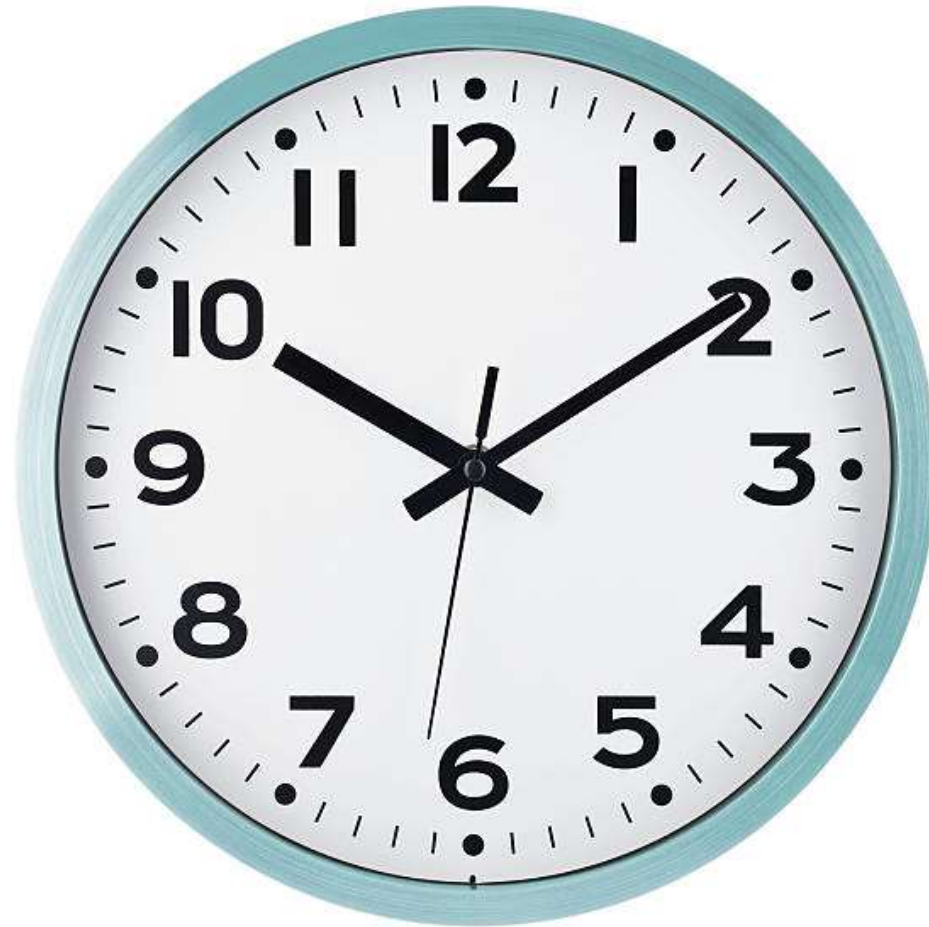


5. SUBMIT

- Role of lead author
- Read the “authorship guidelines” in your chosen journal and format the way they requested it
- Most journals have an online submission platform
- May require forms to be signed by co-authors
- Keywords, separate files for title page, manuscript, figures and tables



6. WAIT FOR FEEDBACK



7.ADDRESS FEEDBACK

- Responsibility of the lead author, often asks for co-authors feedback
- Sometimes feedback can be harsh – don't take it personally!
- Very politely, respond to each comment one by one
- You may not agree with all comments or suggestions – but you need to give an answer if the comment has been addressed or not

2. Reviewer 2

2.1. General comments on manuscript: The manuscript try to report on surveillance and the challenges but it ends up with a mixture of surveillance and other activities.

We have edited the manuscript to ensure it is focused on describing the surveillance activities.

2.2. Was the surveillance system described sufficiently?: No Comment on system description: The description of the system was not structure well

The structure of the manuscript has been edited to improve flow and ease of read.

2.3. Were the limitations of the surveillance system adequately discussed?:No. Comment on limitations: human resources, network of Infectious Substance Shippers and EBS were not mentioned

We note that the limitations identified by the reviewer are also relevant to this surveillance system, however due to space requirements have not been able to include in this manuscript. However, we believe that the revised structure of the manuscript strengthens the overall description of the system.

2.4. Were recent and relevant references cited?: Yes. Comment on references: Some references listed in the reference part were not cited in the text body.

We have reviewed the manuscript to ensure that all references are cited in the text body, and made amendments as necessary.

3. Reviewer 3

3.1. The definition and surveillance and its scope were not given in the paper. The paper described not only surveillance but also other interventions and lab support, case investigation, isolation, and quarantine. If the definition of surveillance on page 704 of the "Control of Communicable Diseases Manual" (20th Edition) is acceptable, then it is suggested the Methods and Results parts of the paper could be reorganized. If the structure is



8. OR RESUBMIT

- It can take a few attempts to find a paper a home
- Don't be discouraged!



NEXT STEPS

- Mentorship – identify a support person
- Make the time – 1-2 hours per week
- “Shut up and write!”
- Workshops?



THANK YOU!

