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# Peer Review Report for "Space-Time Cluster Analysis of Malaria in Fars Province-Iran"

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Dear AE,
There are some comments which should be addressed by the author:
• Study time is old
• The title of the article is different from the summary of the article.
• Malaria is a lethal contagious disease produced by Protozoan parasites Plasmodium. (This definition is incorrect.
• It should be rewritten by a native English speaker
• Please review the discussion and conclusions
Thanks.

**REFEREE**: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 19 Jul 2020

Dear AE,
This is an interesting article about the Space-Time Cluster Analysis of Malaria in Fars Province Iran, However, this manuscript does not contain new and important information about the epidemiology, ecological cycle of malaria and vague points about how the disease is transmitted by mosquitoes and the results of this research have long been approved by

the scientific community and malaria prevention and treatment protocols in the country are based on these findings

- But this manuscript has several positive points that make the manuscript suitable for publication.

Thanks.

**Hamidreza Kouhpayeh**: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 21 Jul 2020

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**Hamidreza Kouhpayeh**: EIC | **Revision** (0) 21 Jul 2020

Dear Author,

The reviewers' comments are mentioned. Please correct the details as mentioned above carefully according to the reviewers' requests.

Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Dear reviewer1,

Thank you for your comments and suggestion on suitability for publication.

The key point of this work was the new methodology used to set an early warning system and help the policy makers about budget, and facilities.

Here we could reach our main goal proving that malaria followed space and time pattern in the area, and as a severely contagious disease we could prevent and control the infection in the area.

Dear reviewer 2,

Thank you for your comments, here we tried to modify the manuscript based on your nice suggestions.

*Q1: Study time is old*

*R1: completely right, it was mentioned in the limitation part; however, even the old data had useful information on malaria as a severe health problem infecting people in south part of Iran.*

*Q2: The title of the article is different from the summary of the article*

*R2: it is corrected, and since it was presented orally in an international conference in Paris, it was tried to use the same title as the conference title to keep ethics.*

*Q3: Malaria is a lethal contagious disease produced by Protozoan parasites Plasmodium. (This definition is incorrect)*

*R3: it is corrected in the body of manuscript*

*Q4: It should be rewritten by a native English speaker*

*R4; done*

*Q5: Please review the discussion and conclusions*

*R5: done*

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Dear AE,
What about:
Conclusions?
Acknowledgments?
Thanks.

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