**Table S2. Comparing estimates of the weekly percentage of physician visits related to influenza-like illness (ILI) based on Google Flu Trends (GFT) to values reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), United States, October 2010 – July 2013.**

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| **Estimate** | **2010-13 seasons****(Week 40, 2010 to Week 30, 2013)\*** |
| **No. (%)** **above baseline weeks\*\* within ±5% of %ILINet** | **No. (%)** **above baseline weeks within ±10% of %ILINet** | **Sum of Squared Errors** | **Relative % difference in peak magnitude** **(2012-13)** | **Difference in peak timing (2012-13)** |
| Lazer *et al.*Equation 6 (“dlscflu09”) [[14](#_ENREF_14),21] | 4 (14) | 10 (34) | 31.2 | 15 | 2 weeks after |
| Lazer *et al.*Equation 9 (“degflu09”) [[14](#_ENREF_14),21] | 7 (24) | 13 (45) | 36.8 | 30 | 2 weeks after |
| Transformed GFT(*c*=0.65) | 8 (28) | 17 (59) | 12.1 | -2.2 | 1 week after |

\*Week 39 of 2010 was used in calculations to determine the transformed %GFT values

\*\*During the 2010-13 season, 29 weeks were above baseline