Reviewer's report

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Recall bias may influence the results in two directions:
1. Respondents may have forgotten a minor episode of VZV infection, resulting in an underestimation (as stated by the authors);
2. Respondents may have misdiagnosed a rash as VZV infection, resulting in an overestimation.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.