Reviewer's report

Title: Incidence of anogenital warts in Germany: a population-based cohort study

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1 Article tackles a very important subject and thus needs to be published. I however have some comments,

a) Ethics- The authors should state wether they had prior permission or the insurance had a clause that allowed them to avail the patients'data to the researchers. I think this should be documented as this is very sensitive data.
b) A short description of AGW and how it is contracted may help readers prevent having AGW.
c) ICD-10-GM code A63 for anogenital warts, is there a reference where a reader may be directed to.
d) Discussion is too long and some of the references are just mentioned but the incidence figures are not documented. Its like the readers has to read the references to get the incidence figures.
e) I would like to see a recommendation of how the AGW can be reduced as this is a pertinent problem which the authors have identified.

2. Other comments from your guidance

a) Question is defined but AGW is not well defined b) Methods used were appropriate but there is need to address point a above c) Data are sound d) Discussion and conclusions are supported by data.
e) Limitations of the work are mentioned
f) Authors do acknowledge other work but missed out the fihures in other refs
g) Yes title and abstract convey what was founf and the writing is fin.

Generally this is very important data which should be published but I would be happy for the authors to address points raised in 1 above.