Reviewer's report

Title: Anal and oral human papillomavirus (HPV) infection in HIV infected subjects in Northern Italy: a longitudinal cohort study among men who have sex with men.

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Reviewer: Rosa Coppola

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Discretionary Revisions

In the Abstract the authors conclude at line 22-23 that two subpopulations of patients are delineated but this is inconsistent with the data reported in the abstract.

All the acronyms must be introduced.

According more recent literature HPV High Risk genotypes include 16,18,31,33,35,39,45,51,52,56,58,59,68,73; particularly genotype 45 is reported as one of the four most related to cervico carcinoma HPV genotypes but it is not reported in your report (pag 6, line 7-9)

The description of HIV viral load detection (pag 6 lines 21-23) should be reported in the previous section, after line 17.

In the results section comparison between proportions should be completed by p value when reporting that did not vary significantly or prevalence were similar.

It is not clear where the number "283 anal swab and 242 oral swab" come from; please explain better

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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' below