Reviewer's report

Title: Antenatal screening for HIV, hepatitis B and syphilis in the Netherlands is effective

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This is an interesting manuscript, that as has been acknowledge by the authors, and I understand agreed by the journals, that has been accepted to be published in a dutch journal. Then, this has been previously peer-reviewed. However, I would like to suggest some minor changes in order to improve the final presentation of the article in BMC Infectious Diseases.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. Abstract. It would be better to show more figures of the results. Is not enough to include "CS was diagnosed in...." only absolut numbers, but also % or rates with their 95%CI.

2. Results. In some parts of the manuscript you included the text ..., x2 [chi-squared], however this is not uniform, and it is better to include also the value of the test. Please uniform this in your manuscript.

Population studies, when report incidences or prevalences, deserve to include with this its corresponding 95%CI, please include them.

3. References. Please update your references, I have found only 2 references of 2010, but were technical documents, not published papers. Please include references of 2010 reporting similar findings in other countries in the EU.

4. Figures. These need to be improved. There is a problem with the categories of the "x" axis. There are only black boxes. However, in all the figures: please put the legend or title of each of the axis and their units (cases of number [no.], rates per..., etc).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.