Reviewer's report

Title: Genital warts and infection with human immunodeficiency virus in high-risk women in Burkina Faso: a longitudinal study

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The manuscript is well written and investigates genital warts (GWs) in HIV positive African women in a longitudinal study. This type of study has not been reported in African women and in this respect is a novel and important study. The methods results are well described and the conclusions are sound. The weakness of the manuscript is that HPV typing was not performed on the GWs but only on cervical samples. While it is of interest to know which HPV types on the cervix are predictive of GWs it is not confirmation that GWs are caused by these HPV types. There is a need for a follow-up study to determine what HPV types are detected in GWs in these women. However the data on the impact of HIV, HAART treatment and other factors make this a study worthy of publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.