Reviewer’s report

Title: The persisting burden of invasive pneumococcal disease in HIV patients: an observational cohort study

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Relevance of invasive pneumococcal diseases (IPD) in HIV population and impact of vaccinal strategies are main topics in HIV care and management. Reed AC Siemieniuk et al. have addressed and discussed proposed revisions: the revised version of their observational study regarding the burden of IPD in the last 10 years in a cohort of HIV patients in Calgary, Canada, in correlation with the use of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, can now be suitable for publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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