Reviewer’s report

Title: Difference in overall and age-specific prevalence of human papillomavirus infection in Italy: evidence from NTCC trial

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The authors did an excellent job incorporating the reviewer comments. I have only two comments that I feel were not adequately addressed (see below).

- Major Compulsory Revisions
  None.

- Minor Essential Revisions

  2. Results. The authors state, “General characteristics of the population investigated in NTCC can be found in references 24-27, and for clarity sake are not reported again in the present manuscript.” Please make this statement early on in the results section to guide the reader to such statistics. For example, “Baseline characteristics of NTCC participants have been previously described (24-27).”

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