Reviewer's report

Title: A retrospective analysis of the costs and management of genital warts in Italy

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The manuscript deals with an interesting and up to date subject. The article is generally well written, and gives a useful and complete set of data on the incidence, location and site of treatment of condyloma in an important regional centre for diagnosis and treatment for such disease. The English form is generally correct, although the paper needs some revision for misspelling. More importantly, Table 3 is not readable (the format of the image is not compatible with my computer, maybe with any computer...). The main issue with the article is the impossibility to understand how the different costs for all kind of treatments were valued. The methodology of calculating the costs is not reported with sufficient detail in the Methods section. But even in the Results section no detail is given on how the amount of money for each treatment or diagnosis was calculated. I wonder whether these details are totally clarified in Table 3, but, in any way, they should be also reported in the methods and in the results for the clarity of the article.

The manuscript is, in my view, worth of being published provided that all the details on how costs for diagnosis were calculated are provided and referenced by the Authors

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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