Reviewer's report

Title: Is expanding HPV vaccination programs to include school-aged boys likely to be value-for-money? A cost-utility analysis in a country with an existing school-girl program

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Reviewer: Johannes Berkhof

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Minor Revision.

I am satisfied with the revision, the authors did a good job.

The only sentence in the abstract that is confusing is:

"In fact, increases in vaccination coverage of girls led to higher health gains for boys, due to herd immunity".

This is not clearly stated in the results section of the Abstract nor in the results section of the main body. I also do not like the wording "In fact" because the total indirect benefit from increasing the uptake among girls (herd immunity) strongly depends on the model.

I agree that increasing the uptake among girls is a better method for preventing cervical cancer than including boys in the program, but I find it hard to believe that it is also more beneficial for preventing disease among men (do I interpret the sentence correctly?).

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.

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