Reviewer's report

Title: Incidence of Human Herpesvirus 8 (HHV-8) Infection Among HIV-uninfected Individuals at High Risk for Sexually Transmitted Infections

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General

This is a well presented paper addressing a topic as determinants of HHV-8 transmission which is still relevant and pertinent. The study has several limitations that have been correctly identified and commented by the authors.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The authors could better describe the characteristic of the study site (STD clinic) as well as the criteria for offering the HIV test and therefore of being included in the study.

Since the manuscript was written a few new publications on the topic have been published with European data. The authors could update the bibliographic review.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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'