Reviewer's report

Title: Chlamydia and gonorrhoea in pregnant Botswana women: Time to discard the syndromic approach?

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Reviewer: Inger Johanne Bakken

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General

I find the paper interesting and well structured.

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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)

Table 3, change to 1 decimal place (odds ratios).

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

In the Conclusion in the main text the authors recommend that “rapid tests will hopefully be available in developing countries within a few years” and that “health authorities should consider reallocating their resources”. In the Abstract, however, the authors only conclude that “there are no adequate management strategies”. Rapid tests could be mentioned in the Abstract as well.

In the section “Screening strategies” some data on the current status of rapid tests could be presented although evaluations have been limited (especially the low sensitivity).

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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