Reviewer's report

Title: Estimation of the incidence of genital warts and the cost of illness in Germany: a cross-sectional study

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I suggest minor revision, but important, see below:

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? YES
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? NO, see below
3. Are the data sound and well controlled? YES
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? NO, see below
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? YES
6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? YES
7. Is the writing acceptable? YES

Page 7: Some repetition on this page: AC Nielsen was said before, as was 600 patients

Page 11: Sexual contact data are scarce and valuable for dynamic models, please specify in more detail the distribution of the population over the number of new sexual partners in the previous year.

Page 13: Median of 1 day in hospital is very short, was this a real overnight stay in all cases?

Page 15: Please report full table for multivariate analysis. Major comment is on table 1, with GDP per capita used, this overestimates for the population investigated as these are younger than average, please apply age-specific GDP/capita estimates!