Reviewer's report

Title: History of Pap-smear in HIV-positive women in Northern Italy: A cross-sectional study

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Overall, this version of the manuscript is substantially improved over the previous version. However, the absence of validation of the Pap remains a strong weakness. The title is still misleading. Something like “Self-reported history of Pap-smear in …” would be closer to the study. Actually, this is the wording used by the authors in the first sentence of the conclusion of the abstract. The authors explain in the covering letter that they are planning a new study. This should be added in the Discussion.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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