Reviewer's report

Title: National guideline recommendations for digital ano-rectal examination as a means for anal cancer screening in HIV positive men who have sex with men: a systematic review

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This paper is a literature review of published national guidelines for digital ano-rectal examination among HIV positive MSM. The study contributes to an area with limited literature that is of importance among MSM.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. There are limited tables synthesizing the results -- while the point that there were few studies recommending DARE is made, the issue of what other countries were recommended (ie no screening) is less clear. More innovative summary / presentation of findings could have improved the impact of this paper.

Minor Essential Revisions.

1. The paper is well written overall although there are places in the discussion that read more like results.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests