Reviewer's report

Title: Incentive payments to general practitioners aimed at increasing opportunistic testing of young women for chlamydia: a pilot cluster randomised controlled trial

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There are a few issues with the report which can be classified under minor essential revisions.

1 Financial incentives aimed at providers and/or patients are a contentious issue within Ct screening. I have attached the url to a poster on this subject that was presented at the 2009 Annual NCSP Conference in England(http://www.chlamydiascreening.nhs.uk/ps/assets/pdfs/events/conference09/Final%20Darko%20Molinar%20Poster.pdf). It would be useful to refer to this wider evidence base within the Background and Discussion sections.

2 In the Background the authors should clarify the purpose of Ct screening: is it aimed at all people <25 or women only? The way the text is written it is hard to distinguish the intended target population. Given the well know problems of engaging men in sexual health, it is important to be more clear on this point.

3 The authors need to be more clear about whether the increased testing was successful in targetting sexually active young people who constitute the Ct target group, or whether the incentive just picked the 'lowest hanging fruit'. To this end the authors should include an assessment of change in detected Ct positivity as part of the analysis.

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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.