Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of human papillomavirus-related genital diseases on quality of life and psychosocial wellbeing: results of an observational, health-related quality of life study in the UK

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Reviewer: Sarah Woodhall

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Thank you for asking me to review this revised manuscript. I think the paper is much improved as a single rather than two papers. I have a few minor comments.

Minor essential revisions

1. Methods, data analysis, final paragraph.
   Please include a sentence here to state that the age stratification was not performed for VIN2/3, as provided in the response to reviewers’ comments.

2. Discussion page 16 and response to reviewers comments, page 17/18.
   I think the author’s reasoning that the mean age of the reference group is between the VIN2/3 and GW groups means that this is therefore a reasonable comparator is somewhat flawed. It could be argued that this makes it a bad group for both of the conditions. The authors have now provided a detailed account of the limitations relating to age, and I would suggest that the discussion is left at that, without including the (possibly false) reassurance of the suitability of the age group.

Discretionary revisions

3. Discussion, page 15, first paragraph.
   Suggest changing the statement that “In the PasQual study, participants with GW had significantly lower scores…” to specify this relates to female participants.

4. Figure legends.
   Please ensure that all of the figure legends specify exactly when crude or age standardised data have been included, and whether women only or men and women are included.

5. Table 1.
   Table 1 appears to be empty – this may be a formatting issue. Please check this.

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 that I have no competing interests