Reviewer's report

**Title:** Exposure to HIV prevention programmes associated with improved condom use and uptake of HIV testing by female sex workers in Nagaland, Northeast India

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**Reviewer:** Rajesh Kumar

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This paper reports effect of Targetted HIV Prevention intervention among FSWs of Dimapur in Nagaland. The question posed and methods used are appropriate. The results are presented clearly and discussed adequately.

The intervention did not lead to improvement in coverage, some factors responsible for this are discussed, however, authors fail to mention that unless consistent condom use rate increased to more than 70%, it would not be possible to prevent HIV transmission, hence, the failure to increase coverage should be the highlight of the paper and paper should suggest that new ways of increasing coverage need to found for this community.

Compulsary Revision

The issue related to failure to increase program coverage must be highlighted as that was the major objective of AVAHAN and SACS programs

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No competing interest