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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The authors have very nicely addressed the issues previously raised. The addition of Table 1 was informative and the elaboration made in discussion has helped clarify some of the findings. Just one minor point:

Descriptive statistics showed some differences in the composition of the samples between 2006 and 2009 (for example, there were less 40+ in the 2009 sample and more 30-39). Have the authors taken this into account when comparing the difference observe in condom use, HIV testing, program coverage and intensity between 2006 and 2009? In the discussion it was noted that there was “marked improvement in condom use at last sex between round 1 and round 2 with both occasional and regular types of clients.” Given the differences in the sample, it would be important to clarify whether these changes was simply due to differences in the sample composition or a real improvement due to program.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests