Reviewer’s report

Title: Human Papillomavirus-related Psychosocial Impact of patients with Genital Warts in China: A Hospital-based Cross-sectional Study

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The manuscript identified an area which was under-investigated in China, and the authors carried out a well organised study to investigate the question of interest. The question was well defined and the reason for carrying out the study was stated clearly. Previous literature on the subject was clearly referenced and described.

Improvements

1. Line 144-146 “The HIP questionnaire has been demonstrated to have favorable reliability, construct validity, and ability to discriminate among varying degrees of disease severity”, please provide reference.

2. Line 222-223, “Our results showed that patients with GW had a substantially higher psychosocial burden than general population”, as the study did not set general population as a control group, better to described as “Our results showed that patients with GW had substantially psychological problem”.

3. Line 257, “Generally, we found that the psychosocial burden of Chinese patients with GW was heavy, with the HIP mean score of 50.49, 49.20 and 51.38 for general population, males, and females, respectively”, this is not right. 50.49 is the total HIP (male and female patients), but not the results for general population, please correct.

Recommendation: Minor Essential Revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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