Reviewer's report

**Title:** Increase in condom use and decline in prevalence of sexually transmitted infections among high-risk men who have sex with men and transgender persons in Maharashtra, India: Avahan, the India AIDS Initiative

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**Reviewer:** Stephen Neville

**Reviewer's report:**

This paper has been reviewed previously. The current version has addressed the majority of the issues raised by previous reviewers and is at an acceptable standard for publication. I would support the publication of this manuscript. The only issue I have with the manuscript is the authors imply that they know the number of HR-MSM/TG population, which I question. The data appears to capture a group of people identifying as HR-MSM/TG who attend STI clinics. In my opinion it is highly likely there are a group of people who are ‘hidden’ and as such are potentially more vulnerable to contracting HIV/STIs (comment only).

**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.