Reviewer's report

**Title:** Most women diagnosed with cervical cancer by a visual screening program in Tanzania completed treatment: evidence from a retrospective cohort study

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**Reviewer:** Lynette Denny

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I think this is an important paper and deserves publication, particularly as it is one of the few studies that have addressed the issue of cancer diagnosis and treatment in the context of screening programmes. The article is well written and I would ordinarily have accepted it without revision but I found the statistical methodology difficult to follow. I would request that the Editor ask a qualified statistician to review the statistics - I do not feel entirely competent to interpret the approach taken. I would suggest a statistical review by Dr Rolando Herrero (HerreroR@iarc.fr) of International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) or Dr Eduardo Franco, Canada (eduardo.franco@mcgill.ca).

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have received honoraria for appearing in various speaker forums about HPV vaccination from Merck/MSD and GlaxoSmithKline and have received research funding from both organisations.