Reviewer’s report

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The multivariable analysis would seem to provide no evidence that antibody prevalence to VZV varies by region in Italy. This is strongly suggestive that the epidemiology of VZV does not vary geographically in Italy. The authors may therefore want to review the discussion (page 11, final paragraph). Some comment on the convenience sample of sera used might also be useful (e.g. how representative might it be of the general population, could any bias in this sampling frame be contributing to some of the findings?)

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests