Reviewer's report

Title: Socioeconomic disparities in human papillomavirus vaccine communication with health care providers

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The manuscript is best presented as empirical and theoretical paper that applies sociological concepts to the understanding of the HPV vaccine communication with HCPs. The main drawback is that the manuscript is purely methodological in purpose.

The paper is not grounded in important theoretical issues in HPV vaccine and HCP communication. It merely described the socioeconomic disparities using a statistical model. It is best to investigate the medical sociology and must advance our theoretical understanding of the processes by which social factors and HPV vaccine communication with HPCs are interrelated. Further the data used in the analyses were drawn from the national Cancer Institute’s 2007 HINTS (5 years ago and further at that point of time the HPV vaccine was not known by many). It may be of little implication for the current empirical evidence, where HPV vaccination is now widely known.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest.