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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your kind consideration and review on my manuscript titled “Perceptions and barriers of vaccinating daughters with Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination among mothers in Hong Kong”.

This article investigates the perceptions of Chinese parents in Hong Kong about HPV vaccines, and how their perceptions on the vaccine can influence their motivations of bringing their daughters to get vaccinated of HPV vaccines. As my article shows, the sampled mothers did not have a positive perception on the idea of vaccinating their daughters with HPV vaccines. As significant others have been shown to be remarkable in influencing and modeling the health perceptions of children and teenagers, and children and teenagers learn from their parents about and build up their health perceptions and beliefs, therefore, allowing parents to have a correct perception on preventive health behavior adoption, such as bringing their daughters to receive HPV vaccination, is important to children’s and teenagers’ health.

The perceptions of Chinese parents about HPV vaccines and about vaccinating their daughters are understudied. Little is known about the perceptions of Chinese parents about HPV vaccines, and even fewer concern how the parents’ perceptions on the vaccine can influence their motivations of bringing their children to get vaccinated. In view of this literature gap, this study was conducted on mothers with no professional medical and health training, and with daughters aged 9 to 17 years, in Hong Kong.

As your Journal enjoys a high reputation in women’s health studies, therefore, I sincerely hope that my article can contribute to your Journal. Thank you very much for your and reviewers’ kind consideration and comments!

Best regards,

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