Reviewer's report

Title: Cost-effectiveness of human papillomavirus vaccination for prevention of cervical cancer in Taiwan

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Major compulsory revisions

Page 9. Costs. All costs included should be mention. It is not enough to say “cervical screening costs and treatment costs of SIL”. You should mention what costs are included under those headings. Also, vaccination costs should be detailed: vaccine costs, vaccine administration costs, management of the program, etc. The cost of the vaccine itself should be stated on the text.

Page 11. Sensitivity analyses. “Sensitivity analyses” should be rewritten as “Sensitivity analysis”. The sentence “Our base case…” should be eliminated, since it has been already mentioned. The last sentence “We also examined” should be written together with the first sentence of the paragraph. “Sensitivity analyses” should be rewritten as “Sensitivity analysis”.


Page 13. “Sensitivity analyses” should be rewritten as “Sensitivity analysis”. The sentence “Assuming that vaccination could provide” should be eliminated, since you already mentioned this result in the base case analysis. The explanation of results should go to the discussion section. It would be the case of the sentence “because the marginal effectiveness…”. The sentence “Vaccination of preadolescent girls” should be deleted since it refers to undiscounted results. In the last sentence “Vaccination cost however” should be rewritten as “Vaccination cost-effectiveness however”.

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.