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In general, the paper is well-written and addresses an important public health aspect, commercial sexwork in India. Unfortunately, some important data are missing such as contraceptive prevalence rates and condom use. I presume that the researchers have addressed condom use in their baseline assessment, and the paper would benefit from adding these data.

The statistics need some improvement: Table 1 reports p values but it remains unclear how to read them; chi square foe trend? Table 2 just reports figures without statistical analysis.

There is some overlap and redundancy: eg table 3-4 could are overloaded and part of teh information is reported in figure 4.

In conclusion; the paper is acceptable after taking into account the above mentioned issues.