Reviewer's report

Title: Economic analyses to support decisions about HPV vaccination in low and middle income countries: a guide for analysts

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Reviewer: Julia Brotherton

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Thank you for the opportunity to review your manuscript which I found to be generally clear and concise and which provides a very useful framework usable by people with varying degrees of familiarity with health economics and hpv.

Minor essential revisions

1) The abstract should be restructured to bring it into line with requested style (one short unstructured paragraph) and make it more useful to readers. The headings background, discussion and summary should be removed and the number 7 added in the list of questions. The text should include 'This report describes the consensus of an expert group convened by WHO, prioritising key issues to be addressed when considering economic analyses to support hpv vaccination implementation in low-middle income countries' or similar statement.

2) The Background and Discussion headings seem to include methods and results so I believe the heading structure should reconsidered and revised (either to intro/methods/results/conclusions or adopt a less formal approach.)

3. Typo page 8 point (i) - delete 'must be planned.'
4. Typo page 8 sentence starting 'Financial costs...' Add 'and' between the comma and are.
5. Typo page 11 first line - add 's' to model.
6. Ref 31 is not correctly written.

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 been an investigator on an Australian Research Council linkage grant in which CSL was a partner investigator. I received no salary or financial benefits from this grant.