Reviewer's report

Title: HHV-8 seroprevalence: a global view

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This is a very sound protocol using appropriate methods. I just have a few comments/suggestions, noted by page number

PAGE 6
Suggest just citing PRISMA (redundant to use both checklists)

Case series will be excluded but what will be the minimal sample size for inclusion?

PAGE 7
Tense is reversed to past tense (we searched…) – need to review for consistency

What will be the dates for the search?

PAGE 9
I query the appropriateness of including results (even preliminary ones) in a protocol

PAGE 12
I would recommend limiting the number of covariates for meta-regression

Also, it may be more appropriate to present some of these analyses as subgroups (eg geographical region), rather than providing a single pooled estimate.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests