Reviewer’s report

Title: Exploring reasons for non-vaccination against Human Papillomavirus in Italy.

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- Major Revisions

Discussion section pages 11-12 lines 265-272 In this part the authors point out that even though vaccinations are offered and administered mainly in public vaccination clinics in Italy, an adequate counselling is not given "in all immunization services"

Taking into account that an adequate counselling is not given even by other specialists (such as Pediatricians, OBGs, GPs) (this data come up also by some call centers specifically addressing HPV immunization in Liguria and Calabria) it does seem not strictly necessary to point out this problem only for immunization services. I would suggest to reconsider this part and to change at least this sentence "The absence of offer of consolidated pre- and post-vaccination counselling in all immunization services may explain this discrepancy"

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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