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Title: Self-reported genital warts among sexually-active university students: a cross-sectional study

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The role of the epidemiology of genital warts (GWs) in Italy is not fully understood. This study focused on the prevalence of clinically-confirmed, self-reported GWs in 11,096 sexually-active individuals at the University of Padua, Italy, between September and November 2015.

Abstract

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2- (Results, Page 2, line 3): Please add the vaccinated data in the GW and no-GW group.

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Results:

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