**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Safety and immunogenicity of a varicella vaccine without human serum albumin (HSA) versus a HSA-containing formulation administered in the second year of life: a phase III, double-blind, randomized study

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Comments/Clarifications:

1. There is uneven distribution of subjects from different regions, e.g. only 71(11.5%) from Mexico. Any specific reason for that?

2. Is the 2 dose schedule used in this study recommended in the Immunization programme of these areas, since only 1 dose is recommended in some countries?

3. Although fever of >39C was observed in almost equal numbers, any fever (>38C) was a little more in VAR-HSA group. Explanation for this.

4. Data from previous study (Ref no 6) has not been included, please include this also.

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