Reviewer's report

Title: Parental attitudes towards HPV vaccination of their sons: a pan-European study

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Reviewer: Anke Steckelberg

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Abstract:
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Background
1. The background needs to be focused on the aim of the study, especially the first paragraph.
2. The HPV uptake rate of the included countries should be added to the background.

Methods
3. Information on duration of interviews should be given.
4. The correspondence analysis should be described in more detail. Was the analysis done by two scientists?
5. The introduction of the questionnaire included verbal descriptors (HPV can sometimes..., more rarely....) Verbal descriptors have been shown to lead to overestimation of risks. The authors should discuss the aim of the given information.

Results
6. Whenever comparisons between countries are made and significant differences are reported, p-values should be added
7. Were response rates comparable between countries? Please
8. The authors stated that participants were nationally representative. However, the authors should provide some information to inform the general reader.

Discussion
9. The discussion needs to be reorganized. It should start with the summary of results. The first paragraph should be included into the introduction.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.