Reviewer's report

**Title:** Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae and syphilis among men who have sex with men in Brazil

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**Reviewer:** King Holmes

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This study by Cunha et al documents a high prevalence of anorectal gonorrhea and chlamydial infection, and a high prevalence of syphilis seropositivity in a convenience sample of MSM in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Prevalence of any of the STIs was 16.4% in HIV+ MSM and 3.67% in HIV- MSM. Infection was unrelated to anorectal symptoms. Urethral infection was infrequent. Lab Methodology was excellent.

The message of the potential value of screening the population for anorectal GC and CT, and for syphilis is valid and important.

1 - Minor essential revisions: The manuscript could be more clearly written, in fewer words – perhaps as a brief report (I found myself compulsively making revisions throughout, to make the writing explicit and coherent). Perhaps Dr Gaydos could help with the rewrite.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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