Reviewer’s report

Title: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Cervical Cancer Prevention among Zambian Women and Men

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Reviewer: Richard Wamai

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While I was not a primary reviewer to your manuscript I have read the initial comments from reviewers and I am satisfied with your responses to those. However, I have additional concerns.

1). I am surprised that you say that studies on the subject of your study (knowledge, attitudes and practices) on cervical cancer have (a) not been done (b) before the roll out of the HPV vaccination program. I am familiar with the Cervical Cancer Prevention Program in Zambia (CCPPZ) from my previous work on cervical cancer in Cameroon because we referenced many of the studies from this Program. I can see that some of the authors of the studies are referred in the current manuscript (e.g., Mwanahamuntu, and Liu FW, Vwalika B, Hacker MR, Allen S, Awtrey CS). But some key studies from the Program are also missing, for example [Mwanahamuntu MH, Sahasrabuddhe VV, Kapambwe S, Pfaendler KS, Chibwesha C, et al. (2011) Advancing Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiatives in Resource-Constrained Settings: Insights from the Cervical Cancer Prevention Program in Zambia. PLoS Med 8(5): e1001032]. This study could be mined for more studies to be included where relevant.

2). I am surprised that the authors missed to see a key systematic review I was involved in [Perlman S, Wamai RG, Bain PA, Welty T, Welty E, Ogembo JG. Knowledge and awareness of HPV vaccine and acceptability to vaccinate in sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review. PLoS ONE 2014;9(3): e90912].


Thus, I advise the authors to broaden their review of the literature on this topic.
Another thing, on page 7 there is a statement saying: "Chilenje being relatively richer than Kanyama". Is this verified somewhere else in the text and data used to show this difference?

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