Reviewer’s report

Title: Benefits and harms of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines: systematic review with meta-analyses of trial data from clinical study reports

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This is a very interesting review of the benefits and harms of HPV vaccines. This appears to be a very thorough review, and the authors should be congratulated for the efforts they have gone to, to include all eligible trials. This is in contrast to a recently published review that only included published trials. They have included unpublished trials and this has given different results to the recent Cochrane review. The authors clearly say that they could not obtain data for 26/50. I would like to know a bit more regarding why these could not be obtained. There are a number of ongoing trials and I would like to see a bit more said about these, e.g. how many more patients this would add, timelines for completion and whether there are plans to update this review when more data are available.

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