

## Peer Review Report

# Review Report on "A man with a loving heart" male involvement in cervical cancer prevention as a strategy in Africa: A systematic review

Review, Int J Public Health

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### EVALUATION

#### Q 1 Please summarize the main theme of the review.

The theme is very interesting but we should make accent on screening and vaccines affordability, which is the main challenges in prevention and treatment of CC. Involving males could be a strategy to promote support from men for women in terms of finding financial means to afford screening, vaccines and treatment costs. I like the topic.

#### Q 2 Please highlight the limitations and strengths.

Limitations: 17 studies are not enough. But I can understand due to the exclusion criteria. The studies were limited due to the exclusion criterion of French language articles. As countries covering the sub-Saharan Africa, part of them are French speaking countries like Burundi, D.R.Congo, Congo and others, many of their scientific articles are also in French.

Strengths: This systematic review could help African governments and NGOs to run an implementation research and health policies in decision-making to eradicate the cervical cancer in Africa as the vaccines exist but not affordable in terms of cost effectiveness and availability.

#### Q 3 Please provide your detailed review report to the authors, structured in major and minor comments.

Improve your abstract writing, especially in the RESULTS section. Make it more understandable. It's an interesting topic but might be extended to French articles. I mean including French articles. Other comments are minor.

### PLEASE COMMENT

#### Q 4 Does the reference list cover the relevant literature adequately and in an unbiased manner?

As you excluded French articles. the cover of your litterature will be limited to African English speaking countries only. You should consider it.

#### Q 5 Does this manuscript refer only to published data? (unpublished data is not allowed for Reviews)

Yes.

#### Q 6 Does the manuscript cover the issue in an objective and analytical manner

Yes.

**Q 7** Was a review on the issue published in the past 12 months?

No.

**Q 8** Does the review have international or global implications?

This one is limited to Africa. But it's common for many countries in the world, especially the Low Income Senttings according to the World Bank ranking.

**Q 9** Is the title appropriate, concise, attractive?

The title is attractive and appropriate. It gives readers a need to know what's written in the article. It seems the authors have skills in blogging, which is good thing. It gives a strong need to explore the following of the text. It's a good strategy to motivate readers.

But I suggest rewriting it by adding punctuation and change screening with prevention. It's better to be unspecific: "A man with a loving heart". Male involvement in cervical cancer prevention in Africa, a strategy to be explored: A systematic review.

**Q 10** Are the keywords appropriate?

Yes, they are. But I could suggest adding "education" or "knowledge".

**Q 11** Is the English language of sufficient quality?

English language is good.

**Q 12** Is the quality of the figures and tables satisfactory?

Yes.

#### QUALITY ASSESSMENT

**Q 13** Quality of generalization and summary



**Q 14** Significance to the field



**Q 15** Interest to a general audience



**Q 16** Quality of the writing



#### REVISION LEVEL

**Q 17** Please take a decision based on your comments:

Major revisions.