

## Reviewer's report

**Title:** Incidence of cytomegalovirus infection among the general population and pregnant women in the United States

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**Reviewer:** Liliane Grangeot-Keros

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General

1)The question posed by the authors is not very original. Yet, it remains very important to determine, in a given population, the seroprevalence and, by the way, the incidence of CMV infections, especially in pregnant women. The variables taken into account by the authors are: age, sex, race/ethnicity and income.

2)The methods used in the study are adequate and allow a good estimation of CMV seroprevalence and incidence among the different populations tested

3)Discussion and conclusion are well constructed and the consequences of the force of infection, in terms of vaccination, are explained.

4)The title is correct and the abstract gives all required information.

5)I think that the symbols given in the legend of figure 1 are not those which are represented in this figure !

6)I don't have any comments to make about the writing.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision for publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)  
YES: see Figure 1

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**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