Author's response to reviews

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Replies to the Associate Editor comments

We would like to thank one more time the Associate Editor for the time spending for the revision of our manuscript as well as for the useful comments. Our replies are:

Point 1. There are still inconsistencies with numbers. Table 1 gives 38 HPV negative women with a previous history of HPV infection, while 12 are listed in the manuscript. Proportions in the text have to be checked, e.g., 22.0% of the study population had a history of HPV infection (21.8% in the manuscript). Please check all numbers.

Answer: Thank you for your comment. All numbers in table 1 have been fully revised. In addition, numbers and percentages in the text have been checked.

Point 2. Moreover, the exclusion of previously diagnosed HPV infection from the analysis set can not be justified by a lack of sensitivity of HPV testing as the authors indicated page 14 of the revised version. The authors should indicate why some women had previous positive HPV tests and were not confirmed in the present study (rather a problem of specificity of HPV test)

Answer: A new reference (No 45), regarding the specificity of the HPV DNA test, has been added to the text (page 14 and paragraph 2).