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Title: Analysis of mutations in the E6 oncogene of Human Papillomavirus 16 in cervical cancer isolates from Moroccan women

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To The Editor-in-Chief
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Subject: submission of a research article

Dear Professor,

I would like to submit to BMC Infectious Disease Journal a manuscript untitled “Analysis of mutations in the E6 oncogene of Human Papillomavirus 16 in cervical cancer isolates from Moroccan women”. This article has been written by: Zineb Qmichou, Meriem Khyatti, Mohamed Berraho, My Mustapha Ennaji, Laila Benbacer, Chakib Nejjari, Noureddine Benjaafar, Abdellatif Benider, Mohammed Attaleb and Mohammed El Mzibri.

As requested by the editorial office, we have modified the main text to include the name of the ethics committee that has approved the study.

To our knowledge, this paper reports for the first time the status of HPV16 E6 variants among women with cervical cancer in Morocco, and the association between these variants and the clinical outcomes.

Given the epidemiological and clinical relevance of the results presented, particularly with regard to the development of screening programs, new therapeutic approaches and specific methods of prevention, especially in high incidence areas for cervical cancer, we hope that you will be able to expedite the review process of this manuscript.

Moreover, through the literature, we have found that BMC Infectious Disease is very interested on this topic and has already published similar studies that will lead to better understand the dynamics of the disease and to optimize worldwide control programs and policies for a better survey of cervical cancer.

All authors of this research paper have directly participated in the planning, execution, and/or analysis of the study. The authors have all read and approved the final version of the manuscript submitted for publication. The contents of this manuscript have not been copyrighted or published previously and are not now under consideration for publication elsewhere.

The article was written according to the instruction of the authors of the journal. If there is need to have more details, please let me know.

Sincerely yours

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