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Responses to the Referee 2 report: Heather Cubie

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Reviewer's report:

The authors have made some good attempts to address the Major revisions, the minor essential revisions and most of the discretionary revisions. Small numbers preclude any additional statistical analyses. The discussion has been ordered better making it easier to read and several new references have been added.

Thank you for all your relevant comments that have improved the manuscript.

There remain a few minor language corrections such as use of 'It's' instead of 'It is'

Sorry for this error, the entire main document was checked to replace It’s by It is.

Page 11 second last line, is not a new sentence and should read ....respectively, though statistical analyses.......

Page 15, line 3...add related (......are very closely related......)

Page 15, after ref 47. Add (...This variant appears to have....)

Thank you for these suggestions. We add them in the main document.

Responses to the Referee 3 report: Alyssa Cornall

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Reviewer's report:

The authors have addressed my comments to my satisfaction.

Thank you for all your relevant comments that have improved the manuscript.

However, I have some suggestions on minor revisions with regard to grammar/sentence structure:

Page 6, Line 9: modify to "HPV16 E6 gene exist in cervical"

Page 11, Line 23: Remove "Though" at beginning of sentence.
Page 12, Line 14: "HPV16 was the most HPV genotype found in our study population.." should perhaps read "HPV16 was the HPV genotype most frequently found in our study population.."

Page 13, Line 1: "To examine whether naturally occurring sequence variations..." should probably read "To examine the prevalence of naturally occurring sequence variations..." or similar.

Page 13, Line 18: modify to "therefore was a corner stone...

Page 13, Line 19: modify to "...migration leading to the spread of"

Page 13, Line 23: modify to "HPV16 European variant is a highly spread..."

Page 14, Line 10: modify to "contrast to previous studies...

Page 15, Line 1-2: modify to "...the non-E variants were more frequently detected at earlier average age at diagnosis than European variants."

Page 15, Line 3: modify to "...as the two populations are very closely related,"

Page 15, Line 20: modify to "This variant appears to have surpassed..."

Page 16, Line 21: modify to "another study,..."

Thank you for these remarks. As suggested, we modified and revised the structure of all the sentences mentioned in this report.