Reviewer's report

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

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The authors have addressed my comments to my satisfaction. 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,..."

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.