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1. Is the question the authors pose well defined? Yes the question the authors pose is well defined.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes the methods are well described.

3. Are the data sound? Yes the data is sound.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes the manuscript adheres to the relevant standards.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes

This is a study analyzing HPV genotypes in a high risk population using physician collected and self collection devices. It is a well designed and analyzed study. This contributes to the body of literature already published on this subject matter. I would recommend accept with minor revision. I found the use of the word “uncommon” on line 61 a little confusing. Perhaps they could reword that sentence.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the
statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests