Reviewer's report

Title: A cohort study of HPV type prevalence according to age.

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1) the title is wrong: this is not a cohort study but a convenience sample
2) what Bethesda classification was used?
3) how were patients managed after agreeing to submit to sampling?
4) pap smear done in 14 y.o. would not be seen as ethical in many countries...
5) how representative were these women? women presenting in a oncology outpatient dept would not be very representative of the general population especialy when 14 y.o.
6) the smears were submit to more than one pathologist? any quality control or concensus panel?
7) conclusions: how these results change current practices? or vaccine policy? or screening policy?
8) is the test licensed in Greece or an investigationnal device?

this study confirms what we already knew? what new info was gathered?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

no competing interest