Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and type distribution of human papillomavirus among adult women diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer in New Zealand

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Reviewer: Alyssa Cornall

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Please give more detail about the DNA extraction method used.

2. Please describe the internal control used to determine which HPV-negative samples were true negatives (undetectable) versus samples which simply had poor overall DNA quantity or quality. Generally beta-globin detection is used for this purpose. Please include the numbers of "true negatives" versus "unsatisfactory" samples in your results and Figure 1.

3. Was any attempt made to overcome the limitations of the SPF10 assay in detecting integrated DNA - if so please described.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests