Reviewer’s report

Title: Stability of glycoprotein gene sequences of herpes simplex virus type 2 from primary to recurrent human infection, and diversity of the sequences among patients attending an STD clinic.

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Minor Essential Revisions

The manuscript is well written and is pleasant to read. The following minor, but essential revisions should be carried out.

1. The abstract needs to be structured into separate sections, as per Author Instructions.

2. The reference #26 is retracted - needs to be replaced by e.g. Umbach et al., Nature (2008);454:780-3.

3. In Table 2, the given nucleotide positions do not match with any of the HG52 reference sequences in the genbank. The primer sequences themselves match well, but the numbering has to be corrected. The genbank accession ID number of the reference sequence should be given in the table legend.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.