Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and distribution of high-risk Human papilloma virus (HPV) types in invasive squamous cell carcinoma of the cervix and in normal women in Andhra Pradesh, India

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The abstract reports HPV-type specific rates as prevalence rates among women with cancer. The authors need to specify that what they are reporting is actually the type-specific prevalence among HPV-positive women. If they wish to report the type-specific prevalence rates among women with cancer, then the denominator of each rate should be all the women with cancer who were tested, not only the women who were HPV positive.

Authors did not include the p-value for the association of HPV prevalence with age in the community.