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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Reviewer: Elizabeth R Unger

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
The authors state that there were 45 cases of cervical cancer in women who gave permission for testing, but do not include the total number of cases identified (i.e. how many were not tested because of lack of permission) as requested by one of the other reviewers.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I have received reagents from Roche Diagnostics; these are the same reagents that are used in this study.