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Dear editor.

Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions. The manuscript has been modified accordingly.

-Minor essential points on lines 115, 124 have been corrected based on number 1 reviewer’s suggestions.

-According to this reviewer paragraph entitled “Genotypes found as co-infection” has been rewritten in order to improve clarity.

-Line 277 include a clear reference that the comments about PATRICIA study relate to cross-protection results as number 2 reviewer suggests.

-All English of the entire manuscript has been revised.

-A clear statement about inform consent has been included in the methods section: “Informed consent was not required for this study since the results presented here come from HPV genotyping routinely performed as an adjunct to Pap smears in pathology department. In any case all identifiers were deleted in order to protect patient confidentiality. The study was approved by the local ethical board”.