Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Expression of Tissue factor in Adenocarcinoma and Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Uterine Cervix: Implications for immunotherapy with hI-con1, a factor VII-IgGFc chimeric protein targeting tissue factor

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**Reviewer:** Sarah Temkin

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   The hypothesis is well describe and relevant.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   The methods are appropriate and well described. The methods section does not include information on the number of normal cervical specimens that were tested for IHC to TF. This is important.

   HPV testing of specimens is reported in the results section but not described in the methods.

3. Are the data sound?
   The data are sound. The responses of cell lines to IDCC, IL-2 enhancement and effect of complement are described in figure 3, 4 and 5. Responses are shown for between 1 and 3 cell lines per experiment in each of these figures. This reporting of results would be greatly improved by reporting either all of the cell line responses or a composite of the cell line responses in these figures.

   Reporting only one cell line response in a figure is inadequate.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   The discussion and conclusions could be stated more clearly. The last paragraph on page 12 does not seem to be relevant to this manuscript. The first paragraph on page 13 which describes the limitation of using IL-2 in conjunction with vaccine therapy also needs to be more clearly tied to the rest of the manuscript.

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   Yes.
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
Yes.

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes.

9. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes.

**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.