Reviewer's report

Title: Resistance to growth inhibition by TGF-beta is associated with a partial loss of Smad signaling in the absence of alterations of Smad protein levels during in vitro progression of HPV16-immortalized human keratinocytes

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Only discretionary revisions were suggested in the original review. These have been addressed satisfactorily even when they were not required. The current study is fairly extensive and the conclusions are well supported. I recommend that it be published in BMC Cancer as the results are important to the field of cancer and TGF-B signaling, a signaling pathway frequently altered in cancer.

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 have no competing interests to declare.