Reviewer's report

Title: Human papillomavirus prevalence and type-distribution in women with cervical lesions: A prospective study in Sri Lanka

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This is a study that provides an update on the HPV genotypes distribution in ICC and CIN2/3 cases from Sri Lankan women.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1 - Include, in the introduction section, an update on the current organization of the cervical cancer screening and vaccine distribution in Sri Lanka.

2 - Discussion section, page 10: Please, explain the sentence “Samarawickerma et al. performed HPV typing on all HPV positive cases[12], which is in contrast to the present study, where HPV type distribution was assessed only on ICC cases.”. Was not Samarawickerma and colleagues study based only on ICC cases?

3 - Discussion section, page 11: In the sentence “Since the cervical specimens were prospectively collected, they were more recent and resulted in higher HPV DNA detection rates as compared to archival specimens [15].”, please provide the HPV DNA detection rate obtained in the de Sanjósé et al. study

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.