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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Reviewer: Iacopo Baussano

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The data reported in the paper deserve to be reported in the literature. However, I would suggest to concentrate the paper exclusively on invasive cervical cancers. The data on CIN2/3 are so limited, and below the expected that they cannot be interpreted.

A few methodological issues should be clarified in a raised version of the manuscript:

a) How, and according to which criteria, was calculated the required sample size?

b) The authors should provide more details on histological diagnosis quality control. Some information have been provided in the discussion section. These should be reported in the method section and should be more systematically and extensively described.

c) Were women also tested for HIV infection? If so would it be possible to present the data stratified by HIV status?

d) Please provide a detailed and evidenced-based explanation of the reasons for the very low number of CIN2/3 lesions identified as compared to the expected 110 cases.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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