Reviewer's report

Title: Cyclin A1 promoter hypermethylation in human papillomavirus-associated cervical cancer

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General
Kitkumthorn et al. identified cyclin A1 methylation as marker indicating presence of preinvasive lesions and invasive cervical cancer. Although the number of high grade SIL, microinvasive cancers and stage I/Ila cancers analyzed is quite low (80% of invasive cancers analyzed are stage IIB-IV), their data provide convincing evidence that cyclin A methylation should be added to a panel of molecular markers that may have the potential to pick up cervical lesions at a curable stage.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Figure 4B: Indicate number of samples analyzed (although already shown in Table 2).

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'