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We resubmit our revised manuscript entitled "Up-regulation of expression and lack of 5'CpG island hypermethylation of p16 INK4a in HPV-positive cervical carcinomas."

We have made the following changes:

1) We have shortened the "Abstract" to 348 words.

2) We have added in the Methods section the sentence: "... the specimens were collected under the approval of the Institutional Review Board of the Blochin Cancer Research Center. Informed consent was obtained from the patients prior to surgery."

With best regards

On behalf of co-authors

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