Reviewer's report

Title: Cervix carcinoma is associated with an up-regulation and nuclear localization of the dual-specificity protein phosphatase VHR.

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Reviewer: Alp Usubutun

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Reviewer's report This is an interesting research paper about the dual-specificity protein phosphatase VHR in cervix carcinoma.

Major Compulsory Revisions

* There is some mismatch between the numbers of lesions given in methods and results, also abstract. As given in methods section, TMA contructed from 62 hystrectomy or conization specimens but when multiply the number of lesions it's 73.

* Also number of lesions differ between method and results section. You must clarify the difference. (In methods section 13 LSIL, 20 HSIL etc and in results section 11LSIL, 18 HSIL etc.)

* Figure 2A completely confused? The letters must be organized.

* It's logical to see expression in the lower 1/3 of the epithelium in LSIL or more in HSIL.

Details of staining extent of LSIL and HSIL will be interesting. Are all LSIL stained as +1 ? Are all HSIL stained +2 and/or +3?

* Why didn't you compare the staining intensity and staining extent of lesions separately? Is there any statistical significance or not?

Discretionary Revisions

* By evaluating the HPV types found in the LSIL, it will be interesting to compare the staining patterns acccording to high risk and low risk HPV types.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests