Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and type distribution of Human Papillomavirus infection in women from North Sardinia, Italy.

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Reviewer: Giovanni Gabutti

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The manuscript is interesting, sufficiently clear and well-written. The topic is interesting as well as results obtained.

In order to further improve the manuscript, the following major compulsory revisions are needed:

Abstract: page 2 line 21 the percentage related to HPV31 should be added

Background: page 4 line 9 the types possibly carcinogenic to humans should be added in brackets

Methods: page 5 line 9 A sentence on the Ethical Committee approval should be added

Results and Discussion: page 9 line 18 The possibility of HPV replacement following vaccination should be discussed in more detail (does this possibility exist? what is already reported in literature on this topic? ect.)

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:

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- Grants for organizing and involvement in Conferences/Congresses/Courses
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