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Title: Understanding cervical cancer screening among lesbians: a national survey

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached is the manuscript titled “Understanding cervical cancer screening among lesbians: a national survey” submitted for publication consideration in BMC Public Health. My co-authors and I feel this is an important publication for the broad area of cancer disparities, and more specifically, disparities related to being a member of a sexual minority. Lesbians may not seek cervical cancer screening as commonly as heterosexual women, even though they are at risk of developing disease. We believe this study advances our understanding of lesbians’ views of cervical cancer and screening in the US. A better knowledge of the unique issues among US lesbians involved in the risk-assessment and decision-making processes regarding cervical screening may bolster the success of interventions designed to increase screening in this population. We believe publication of these findings in BMC Public Health will help raise awareness of these important findings to the broader scientific community. Additionally, this manuscript demonstrates that Internet methods can increase researchers’ access to difficult-to-reach subpopulations.

This is an original article that has not been published elsewhere and is not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Since the previous submission on July 19, 2012, the manuscript has undergone the following changes:

1. Harris Interactive Inc. was removed from the list of authors, and is now listed in the acknowledgements.
2. The funding source of this study is identified under the heading "Funding."
3. A list of abbreviations is included.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this manuscript.

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