Reviewer’s report

Title: Screening and detection of human papillomavirus (HPV) high-risk strains HPV16 and HPV18 in healthy pediatric patient saliva samples from Nevada: a pilot study.

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The manuscript is interesting because it describes concise evaluation on the recurrence of high-risk strains HPV16, HPV18 in young patients, (pediatrics and teenagers) on the Nevada’s population.

Although this manuscript is limited for some aspects (e.g. not detailed patients data), these limitations are considered and well discussed on the text.

The molecular method and the statistical approach presented in this work as well as revision and extension of results are appropriate.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests below.