Reviewer's report

Title: Estimates of delays in diagnosis of cervical cancer in Nepal

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The manuscript is indeed interesting in the context of many developing countries. Cervical cancer is a curable disease if detected early. The authors have attempted to identify the causes of delay.

Suggestions are:

As older patients, illiterate women and those who go to the HCP had the longest delay, it is pertinent that these are highlighted in the conclusion and the other stuff in the conclusion can be omitted.

In the discussion it would have been interesting to include if the reason for delay was due to financial constraint as many had to travel long distances.

For the delay in HCP it would be valuable to add if the reason why gynaecological examination was not done: is it due to lack of training or due to inadequate staff or too many patients? If that reason is not known it is good to add that so that the reader is aware that all these factors caused the delay in HCP. This is important for policy makers to identify the causes especially the poor women can have access to only public services like HCP.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

No to all the above