Reviewer's report

Title: Molecular tests for human papillomavirus (HPV), Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae in liquid-based Pap cytology specimen

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1. I think I may have seen this in pre-review, and had concerns about the importance of the issue--We would not be using Pap smears/liquid cytology media, from a public health standpoint to do GC/CT screening

2). However, I do think that the point that they raise--i.e. the PPV or these tests in a low prevalence population, is an important one and one that is not appreciated by clinicians

The paper is extremely long for the relatively minor point that the authors are making. This should be shortened to a communication or brief report, and the methods (the molecular stuff which takes a lot of space) can be linked as a web supplement