Reviewer’s report

Title: General Practitioners who never perform Pap smear: the medical offer and the socio-economic context around their office could limit their involvement in cervical cancer screening

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The authors reported GPs' role in cervical cancer screening in France. The topic is interesting and it is useful when we consider the available resource for cervical cancer screening. However, there is insufficient information on French cervical cancer screening. Although the manuscript was well written, the following issues should be considered:

1. The role of the GP in cervical cancer screening was unclear. In some countries, smear taking has been by midwives and GPs. However, this role is only performed by gynecologists in Japan. Is there any restriction for GP participation in cervical cancer screening in France?

2. Are the role of GP and gynecologist clearly divided in France?

3. The authors considered alternative medicine as an important factor for GP participation in cervical cancer screening. The evidence of their ideas is unclear.

4. The authors mentioned there was no national program for cervical cancer screening in France. Were the main programs in this study opportunistic screenings?

5. Who pays for cervical cancer screening? Is there any difference in payment between an organized program and opportunistic screening?

6. To investigate the validity of the representatives in this survey, the characteristic of responders should be compared with the national average.

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