Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of human papillomavirus in penile malignant tumors: viral genotyping and clinical aspects

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The authors report on the prevalence of HPV in penile malignant tumors. The study is retrospective in nature and uses 76 pathology samples from 2001 to 2011. DNA extraction was performed using QIAGEN, and then PCR reactions were performed.

HPV DNA was detected in 63% of cases (43/76).

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. Exclusion Criteria:
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2. Ideally:
   Divide section of Results and Discussion:
   A. Describe your results, and try not to duplicate the description of the results with tables.
   B. The discussion area is well written, but should be separated from the results.

In general, the manuscript confirms that there is an association of HPV with penile cancer, however, it does not affect the clinical and pathological characteristics of the disease. The manuscript identifies what is know in the literature with respect to prevalence of HPV in penile cancer specimens.

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 interest.