Reviewer’s report

Title: Symptomatic presentation with cervical cancer in Uganda: a qualitative study assessing the pathways to diagnosis in a low-income country

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The manuscript seems to be good and findings are important to develop appropriate programs to reduce the diagnostic interval of cervical cancer specially in underdeveloped countries where its prevalence is high.

I do not see any major compulsory revisions but I would like the following points to be considered.

- In background section: information from low income countries like sub Saharan and Asian countries would be more relevant. Similar things may apply in discussion section.
- In method section: line no. 142- " patient diagnosed through screening"- the word "diagnosed" is not appropriate. you can use " suspected of Ca cervix" instead.
- In discussion section: The finding of time interval 140 months ( - P1, 36 years) (nearly 12 years) from first symptom to diagnosis is an interesting and an extreme case. So, It would be better to discuss it thoroughly. There is confusing interpretation in this case. This seems that she first experienced the symptoms of diseases which now is diagnosed as cervical cancer when she was 24 years.

Finally, I would suggest to revise the citations.

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.