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Comments for author

1. Abstract: Conclusion part

   Instead of saying "Furthermore, Bolivian women showed willingness to accept self-sampling for cervical cancer prevention"…better to replace by preferred self-sampling…because this is your study result.

2. Introduction: The incidence and mortality rates in Bolivia are the highest in Latin America:

   What is the cause for mortality…mention it.

3. What is the protocol for sample taking, smearing on slides (how many times) , handling, transport and patient preparation before taking self- samples …..please describe in detail.

4. Did you take samples from the same patients to compare self Vs Physician …? Because it has different clinical implication. If not it is difficult to make a conclusion. 0937939393/379494

5. How much of the cotton tip inside the vagina? (Considering individual variation) It will affect your result because if it inserted deep you may samples from cervix.

6. You should specify the time for how long the tampon will stay in the vagina (instead of saying few seconds)

7. Write/document for how long cell suspension incubated. (Instead of saying overnight)
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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No

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