Reviewer’s report

Title: Knowledge of Cervical Cancer and Pap Smears in Uyghur Women from Xinjiang, China

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Reviewer: Sarah Feldman

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This manuscript is a well done, interesting survey of knowledge of HPV and cervical cancer among women in a remote region of China. The paper is well conceived and well explained and documents clearly an important barrier to cervical cancer prevention among a specific subset of poor and uneducated women.

My main comments are minor corrections of the written English which is mostly clear, but could benefit from a careful editing to make sure that tense and grammar and meaning are always correct.

Several other minor comments:

In the abstract:
1. the Results section have some grammatical errors that need correction
2. The conclusion does not truly follow from the results. I think it should read: Uyghur women in China have poor knowledge of cervical cancer and HPV infection, which is associated with low household income and low educational levels. Education via TV and health care providers may improve compliance with programs aimed at cervical cancer prevention and treatment.
3. p. 7 rough screening should be changed to estimates
4. p. 8 line 2 change the word "the" to "an" and "of" to "around"
5. p.9 change "else were include" to "and the remainder were:
6. p.10 line 3 patients "had" paps (not "did"
7. p.10 line 5 change "performed" to "undergone"
8. p.10 check the bottom paragraph for multiple small preposition changes-- change "about" to "of", "in" to "of" and screen "for' cervical cancer
9. p. 11 line 1 omit "the"
10. p.11 second paragraph the percentage of patients "who"
11. p. 11 the last paragraph is confusing. I don't understand what you mean by "Women who knew the symptoms of cervical cancer and who had done a Pap smear before showed a linear decline after 21 years old" Please clarify
12. p. 12 What do you mean by " this difference was not obvious in the high-income group"
p. 13 There are many word changes and edits that could be made on page 13 to improve the English. If you would like me to edit this in more detail I would need a copy I can correct.
p. 14 second paragraph I think you want to say "less likely" instead of "more"

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