Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Melanie Morris

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Thank you for responding so carefully and thoroughly to my comments. I feel they have all been adequately addressed, and the manuscript is improved by these changes and those in response to the other reviewers.

The only outstanding point I have is a small one - about the use (or otherwise) of FIGO in the abstract. Your change to page 2 line 24 is improvement I think, but then you use the FIGO stage in line 32. Perhaps the best solution is to revert to "FIGO stage IB2, IIA2-IVA" here (line 24) and add "(locally advance stage)" in brackets after it. Then you can use the FIGO stage in line 32 where using the technical terms makes more sense. Perhaps the editors are best placed to advise on this, knowing their readership best.

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