

Review of: "Histopathological Patterns of Cervical Cancer Among Females Presenting to Makerere University Pathology Core Reference Laboratory. A 5-Year Review"

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Dear Editor, this study involved an original article about cervical cancer in a population of women living with HIV. The manuscript is well written, interesting and important for Public Health researchers and Oncologists, although there are some suggestions to be done:

1. Some keywords used do not follow any index descriptors in public health, as BIREME, MeSH, NLM or UMLS (eg. Uganda, histopathological patterns), and it should be changed. Some suggestions are: human Papillomavirus (HPV); cervical cancer, Papillomavirus vaccine; Anti-HIV positivity; Coinfection-HIV HPV
2. Introduction. Amplify the introduction to include vaccination as one of the most important interventions in public health concerning HPV. Describe the options in the world and the options in Africa and Uganda. When you describe the vaccines, Abbreviate HPV-2 (Cervarix) as 2vHPV, HPV-4 (Gardasil) as 4vHPV, and HPV-9 (Gardasil-9) as 9vHPV.
3. Add more footnotes to the Tables to improve their clarity (eg. Table 3: what is SSC?)
4. Amplify the discussion, mainly in the first paragraph, which is one of the most important so far. Please introduce this paragraph with the most important results of the study and introduce the other results in the literature.
5. In this manuscript it should be preceded by an additional topic named "future challenges" or "future perspectives" in this field of interest
6. Recommendations – please verify the possibility to include another one suggesting the HPV vaccine impact in this population.
7. I suggest reducing the number of words of the title, specially by suppressing "Makerere University Pathology Core Reference Laboratory" (too big). I guess that is important to not display the current name of the laboratory. Some suggestions are: a) ".....presenting to a Pathology reference Laboratory of Uganda b) ".....presenting to a Pathology reference Laboratory in Kampala, Uganda"

8. This is an interesting article. I raised several topics for authors reviewing and should be changed before new submission. After changes I can see an article suitable for publication.