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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Comments:

Dr. Moses Mwanja, thank you for this article which intends to provide data on histopathologic patterns of cervical cancer in Ugandan women.

1. **Form/style:** This paper appears to be much more of a dissertation than a research article, it would be helpful if it can be rearranged into sections like: Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussions, references, Acknowledgement, Funding, Availability of data and materials, Author's contributions, conflicts of interests

2. **Contents:** In your problem statement you said "cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer morbidity and mortality in Ugandan women". Later on, you also said that "There is paucity of data regarding the histopathological cervical cancer patterns in Uganda. This makes it difficult to plan for appropriate treatment modalities aimed at maximizing treatment benefits for cervical cancer patients."

Question#1: Between 2017-2021, how did the paucity of data on histopathological pattern of cervical cancer influence the morbidity and mortality related to cervical cancer in Ugandan women? Does it mean that there were no appropriate treatment modalities aimed at maximizing treatment benefits for cervical cancer patients in Uganda? Any supporting evidence?

Question#2: Your claim of paucity of data…implies that your study intended to produce them, yet these data were already available and were retrieved from your laboratory department. How would you reconcile this?

Question#3: In your recommendations you advocate for routine screening of all HIV positive women and immediate treatment of identified patients with cervical cancer, based on the findings, how does this respond to the aim of the study which is to assess the patterns of cervical cancer among females presenting to Makerere