

Peer Review

Review of: "Computationally Optimized ctDNA Surveillance for Recurrence Detection in HPV-Positive Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma"

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The article "Computationally Optimized ctDNA Surveillance for Recurrence Detection in HPV-Positive Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma" was a well-written article on the use of ctDNA in HPV-positive disease.

Overall, I find the intent and contents of the article well-written and clearly stated. I'd suggest a few details:

- It might be sensible to discuss whether or not to start ctDNA testing after the initial restaging, as there is a significant chance of finding disease at that time. I understand that that was not the focus of the article.
- Taking the cheapest price for HPV testing instead of the mean price does undercut the results a bit. Also, the focus on US treatment prices makes the measure seem significantly cheaper than it would be in an international context.

Declarations

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