

Reviewer's report

Title: Insights into the pathogenesis of Human Papillomavirus (HPV)-associated infections in the mouth

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The authors in this manuscript give a comprehensive review of those studies focused on epithelial cell maturation, HPV expression/replication and pathogenesis of benign and malignant lesions arising particularly in the mouth.

The article is well written and references appropriate. My only suggestion is to shorten sections on the natural history of HPV infection in order to emphasize the component related to HPV infection in the mouth.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'