

Reviewer's report

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

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This is a well written review article that reads very well .However I have two major cocerns.Firstly the review adds nothing new to the literature nor does it provide additional insights into the pathogenesis of HPV infections. Secondly and more importantly the title leads the reader to believe that the authors are providing the additional insights specifically into oral lesions .This is simply not the case .The review applies to HPV infections wherever they may occur .The title is very misleading . Much of what is contained in the review can be found in a standard textbook of Pathology or of Oncology .Perhaps the authors should rather consider a review of what is known about HPV infections in the oral mucosa and perhaps what it is about the oral mucosa that might make these infections different in this site ie. focus their attention on oral lesions and on oral mucosa .

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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