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Journal Name:	Annual Research & Review in Biology
Manuscript Number:	Ms_ARRB_122348
Title of the Manuscript:	Cervical cancer: status report and search for treatment in Burkina Faso
Type of the Article	Minireview Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it provides a comprehensive overview of cervical cancer in Burkina Faso, highlighting both the public health challenges and the innovative use of traditional medicinal plants for treatment. By focusing on a low-resource setting, it contributes valuable data to global discussions on cervical cancer prevention and treatment in similar contexts. The integration of modern and traditional medicine in the fight against cancer is particularly noteworthy, offering potential avenues for future research. I appreciate the manuscript's in-depth exploration of national strategies and its emphasis on the potential of local resources.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is generally suitable as it captures the scope of the article, including both the current status of cervical cancer and the search for treatments in Burkina Faso. However, a more specific title could be: "Cervical Cancer in Burkina Faso: Current Status, Government Strategies, and the Role of Traditional Medicine in Treatment". This title highlights the key elements discussed in the manuscript more explicitly.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is comprehensive and provides a good overview of the manuscript.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The article mentions the use of visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) and HPV testing but does not provide details on the coverage of these screening programs. How many women are being screened, and what percentage of the target population does this represent? A more detailed analysis of the reach and efficacy of screening programs, particularly in rural areas, is needed. The study focuses on Burkina Faso but does not compare its situation to other countries in the region or globally. A comparative analysis could highlight what Burkina Faso can learn from successful strategies implemented elsewhere, particularly in similar low-resource settings.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound, providing accurate data and referencing relevant studies. It offers a balanced view of the challenges and successes in combating cervical cancer in Burkina Faso. The inclusion of research on traditional medicine demonstrates the authors' commitment to exploring all potential avenues for treatment in a resource-limited setting. The methodology and findings discussed are well-supported by existing literature, making the manuscript a valuable contribution to the field.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	While some local studies are mentioned, the data on HPV prevalence among women with cervical cancer are not recent. Additionally, the study doesn't provide a comparison with HPV prevalence in other West African countries, which could contextualize the findings.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Including graphs or tables summarizing key data (e.g., HPV prevalence, cervical cancer statistics) could enhance the manuscript's impact and make the information more accessible.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	With minor revisions to improve readability and the inclusion of more recent references, this manuscript has the potential to significantly impact the understanding and management of cervical cancer in Burkina Faso.	

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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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