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The Honorable Margaret Hamburg, M.D.
Commissioner
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Subject: Request for publication of data to support FDA statement that HPV types 6 and 11 cause 20-50% of vulvar cancers and 60-65% of vaginal cancers.

Dear Dr. Hamburg:

On the FDA website is a statement that seems to run counter to scientific research without supporting evidence. In this computer age, consumers are encouraged to take a more active role in their health care decisions and are responsible for digesting substantial amounts of information, the online materials provided by the FDA should be evidence-based so that patients can be empowered by the guidance of the government to better manage their health.

This letter requests that the FDA publish the data to support the assertion contained in its advisory document "For Consumers" on HPV (human papillomavirus), informing the public that now "*HPV types 6 and 11 cause 20-50% of vulvar cancers and 60-65% of vaginal cancers*". This advisory document, updated 02/23/2010, was last accessed on May 3, 2010 via the FDA website <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ByAudience/ForWomen/ucm118530.htm>.

A printed copy of this document is enclosed herewith for your reference.

Any research data from the FDA to substantiate the carcinogenic effects of HPV types 6 and 11 on the female genital tract would be of great help to the patients and their physicians in modifying the management for HPV infections, including accurate genotyping of all HPV 6 and 11 isolates for further clinical follow-up of the infected patients.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Yours respectfully,

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Encl. FDA advisory document "For Consumers" on HPV (human papillomavirus)