**Editor’s Comment:**

1. The bibliographic references should be updated.

2.The inclusion criteria are not relevant. There is no declaration of conflict of interest. How many women were included in the study ? what was their social status ? The discussion should also address how the findings align with or diverge from the psychological distress (e.g., hopelessness, suicidal ideation) mentioned in the abstract, as this is not adequately explored.

3.The study could better address cultural factors contributing to barriers, such as stigma around cervical cancer in the Tamale Metropolis, which may be linked to misconceptions about its causes (e.g., associating it with witchcraft, as mentioned in the conclusion).

4. The rules for bibliographic references are not respected. Exp ref 1 and 2. Title? Pagination? Date of consultation?

5. the manuscript requires significant revisions in spelling, grammar and style

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