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Sviluppo della citologia cervicale a Ferrara

TECNOLOGIA	CONTESTO	ANNO
Strato sottile ThinPrep® Cytoc	Clinico	1997
HPV ISH INFORM® I-II Ventana	Clinico	1998
Marcatori biopatologici di cancerogenesi	Translazionale	2002
Strato sottile SurePath® TriPath	Screening	2003
Prescreening FocalPoint™ GS TriPath	Screening	2004
PreTect HPV-Proofer® NorChip	Translazionale	2005
Test hrHPV HCII® Digene	Screening e clinico	2006
ProExC® TriPath Oncology	Translazionale	2006

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SERVIZIO SANITARIO REGIONALE
EMILIA-ROMAGNA

**CORSO DI FORMAZIONE
PER IL PERSONALE SANITARIO
ADDETTO AL PROGRAMMA
DI SCREENING DEI TUMORI DEL
COLLO DELL'UTERO**

Reggio Emilia, 16 – 17 ottobre 2006
Palazzo Rocca Saporiti

**LE NOVITA' TECNOLOGICHE NELLA
REGIONE EMILIA-ROMAGNA**

La lettura automatica

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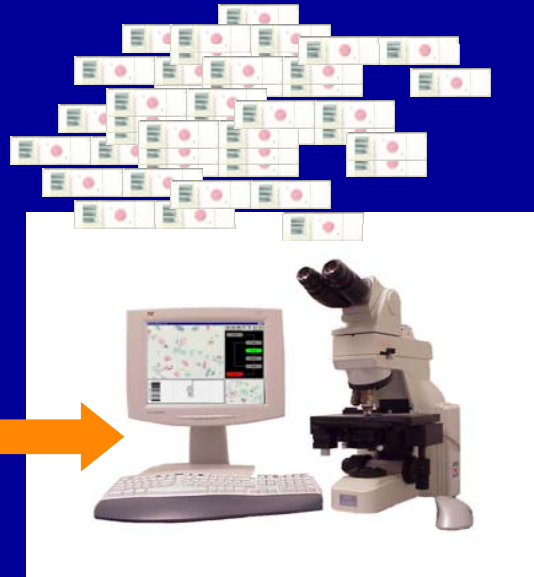
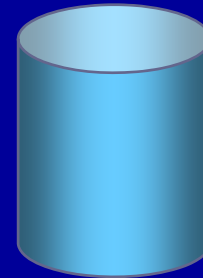
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FocalPoint GS



SW data base



PARAMETRI

Target: anomalie delle cellule epiteliali squamose

Soglia ASC+

- **Distribuzione delle categorie diagnostiche**
- **Tasso di invio ad accertamento**
- **Tasso di biopsia nei casi inviati ad accertamento**
- **Valori predittivi positivi della citologia**
- **Valori predittivi positivi del FocalPoint**
- **Tempi di refertazione**
- **Giudizio dei Professionisti impegnati nella diagnostica**
- **Tasso di lesioni individuate**

VALORI PREDITTIVI POSITIVI CIN1+

Pap test 44.609

Correlazione cito-istologica casi 815

	<i>Strato Sottile</i>		<i>Convenzionale</i>	
VPP	Computer assistita	Tradizionale	Computer assistita	Tradizionale
Validazione	80,8	73,2	81,8	73,5
Monitoraggio	87,5	85,0	-	-

Strato Sottile SurePath
Valori Predittivi Positivi del
Prescreening assistito da FocalPoint GS

	CIN1/LSIL+	CIN2+	CIN3
Tutte le diagnosi	87.47	26.22	14.39
ASC-US	79.75	8.72	4.65
ASC-H	93.54	38.71	19.35
LSIL	89.87	17.72	4.63
HSIL	98.57	82.85	58.57

FocalPoint-GS

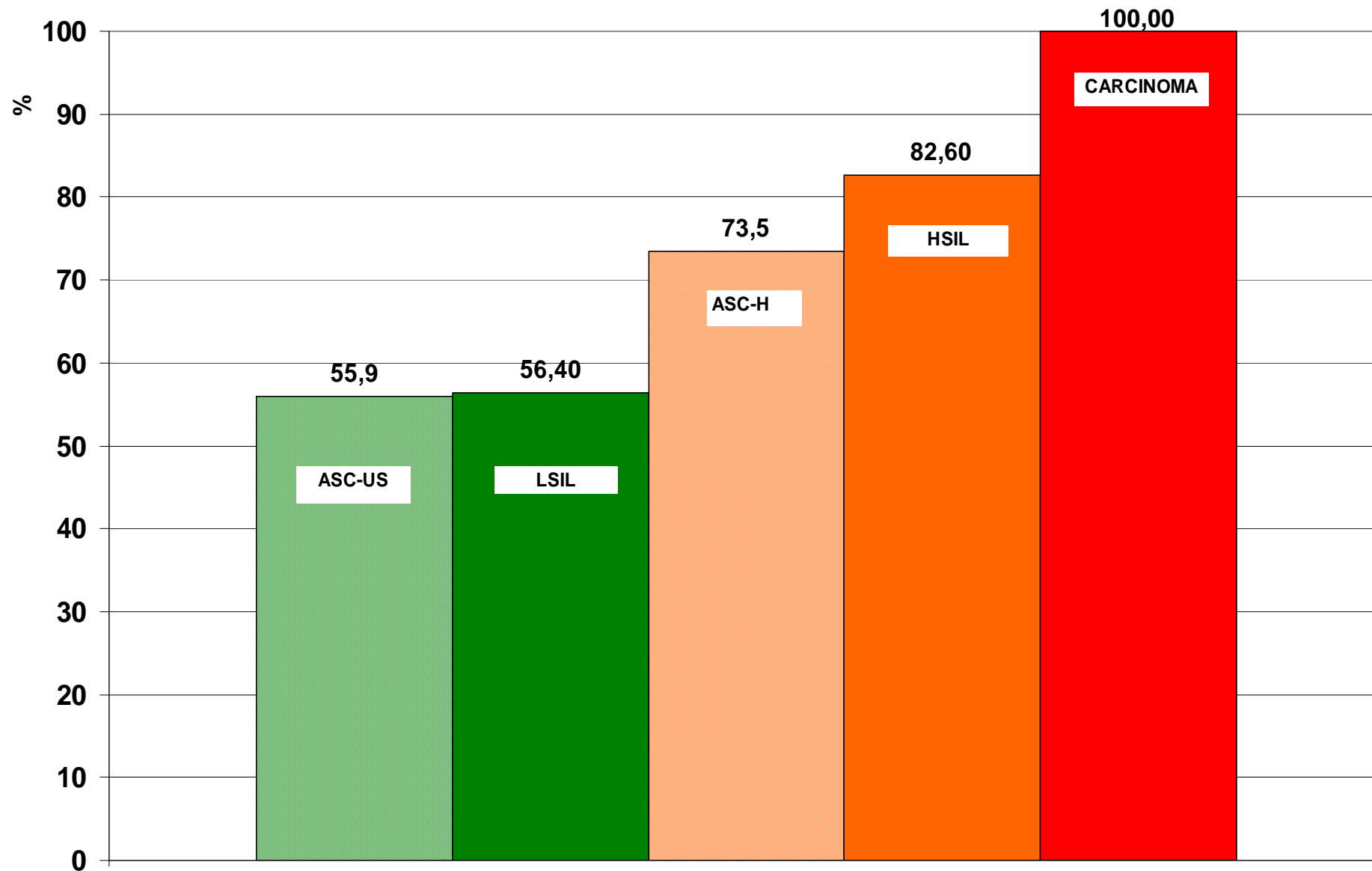
ANALISI DEI QUINTILI

Casistica

489 casi con istologia

Metodo

correlazione FP/istologia

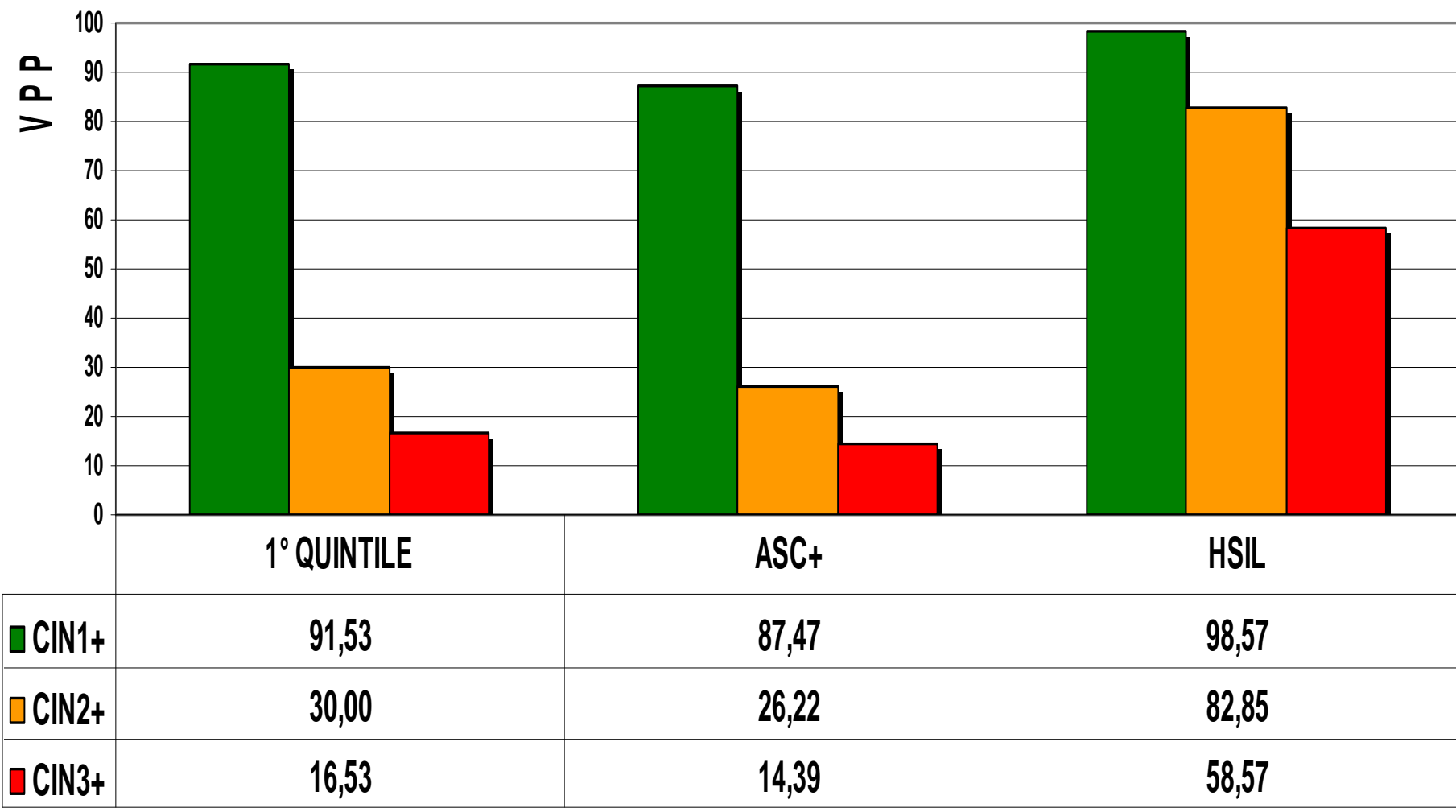


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1° QUINTILE

PREDITTIVITA' DEI QUINTILI

Quintili	CIN1/LSIL+	CIN2+	CIN3
1°	91.53	30.00	17.00
2°	79.16	27.8	11.00
3°	84.21	10.5	5.30
4°	82.35	23.5	18.00
5°	80.00	4.00	0

CONFRONTO TRA VALORE PREDITTIVO POSITIVO DEL 1° QUINTILE E DELLA CITOLOGIA



TEMPI DI REFERTAZIONE

Osservato Prescreening FocalPointGS	5.82 gg
Atteso lettura tradizionale	7.77 gg
O/E	0,75

Tasso di lesioni individuate

Detection Rate

N. Pap-test refertati	<i>Detection Rate</i>
Lettura Focal Point	4,3 ‰
Lettura Tradizionale	3,1 ‰
O/E	1.38

GIUDIZIO DEI PROFESSIONISTI

- *Da locator a interpreter*
- **Breve addestramento pertinente**
- **Approccio attivo/interattivo**
- **Diminuzione dei carichi di lavoro**
- **Aumento dell'attenzione in tempo ridotto**

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Nuove metodiche diagnostiche molecolari

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Hybrid Capture II

Tipi di HPV a rischio alto/intermedio

16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 68

Significato biologico della positività

INFEZIONE

IL TEST HPV IN EMILIA-ROMAGNA

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IL TEST HPV A FERRARA

- INIZIO 01 GENNAIO 2006
- **TRIAGE ASC-US**
- PROGRAMMA DI SCREENING E CLINICA
- INDICAZIONE DEL PATOLOGO
- *REFLEX TEST* SU MATERIALE RESIDUO STRATO SOTTILE SUREPATH
- REFERTO CONTESTUALE AL PAP TEST
- COMUNICAZIONE FILTRATA ALLA PAZIENTE

RISULTATI PRELIMINARI

VALORE PREDITTIVO POSITIVO CIN2+ DI ASC-US

periodo 1 gennaio - 31 maggio 2006

	N.	%	Biopsia	%	VPP CIN2+
ASC-US	150				
<i>hr-HPV Pos</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>39,33</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>52,54</i>	<i>31,03</i>
<i>hr-HPV Neg</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>60,67</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19,78</i>	<i>0</i>

[Vol. 98, No. 11](#) > Ronco et al., pp. 765-774. Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Vol. 98, No. 11, 765-774, June 7, 2006

Human papillomavirus testing and liquid-based cytology: results at recruitment from the new technologies for cervical cancer randomized controlled trial.

[Ronco G](#), [Segnan N](#), [Giorgi-Rossi P](#), [Zappa M](#), [Casadei GP](#), [Carozzi F](#), [Dalla Palma P](#), [Del Mistro A](#), [Folicaldi S](#), [Gillio-Tos A](#), [Nardo G](#), [Naldoni C](#), [Schincaglia P](#), [Zorzi M](#), [Confortini M](#), [Cuzick J](#); [New Technologies for Cervical Cancer Working Group](#).

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BACKGROUND: Although testing for human papillomavirus (HPV) has higher sensitivity and lower specificity than cytology alone for detecting cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN), studies comparing conventional and liquid-based cytology have had conflicting results. **METHODS:** In the first phase of a two-phase multicenter randomized controlled trial, women aged 35-60 years in the conventional arm (n = 16,658) were screened using conventional cytology, and women in the experimental arm (n = 16,706) had liquid-based cytology and were tested for high-risk HPV types using the Hybrid Capture 2 assay. Women in the conventional arm were referred to colposcopy with atypical cells of undetermined significance (ASCUS) or higher and those in the experimental arm were referred with ASCUS or higher cytology or with a positive (> or = 1 pg/mL) HPV test. Sensitivity and positive predictive value (PPV) for detection of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia grade 2 or higher (CIN2+) were calculated. **RESULTS:** The screening methods and referral criterion applied in the experimental arm had higher sensitivity than that in the conventional arm (relative sensitivity = 1.47; 95% confidence interval [CI] = 1.03 to 2.09) but a lower PPV (relative PPV = 0.40; 95% CI = 0.23 to 0.66). With HPV testing alone at > or = 1 pg/mL and at > or = 2 pg/mL, the gain in sensitivity compared with the conventional arm remained similar (relative sensitivity = 1.43, 95% CI = 1.00 to 2.04 and relative sensitivity = 1.41, 95% CI = 0.98 to 2.01, respectively) but PPV progressively improved (relative PPV = 0.58, 95% CI = 0.33 to 0.98 and relative PPV = 0.75, 95% CI = 0.45 and 1.27, respectively). Referral based on liquid-based cytology alone did not increase sensitivity compared with conventional cytology (relative sensitivity = 1.06; 95% CI = 0.72 to 1.55) but reduced PPV (relative PPV = 0.57; 95% CI = 0.39 to 0.82). **CONCLUSIONS:** HPV testing alone was more sensitive than conventional cytology among women 35-60 years old. Adding liquid-based cytology improved sensitivity only marginally but increased false-positives. HPV testing using Hybrid Capture 2 with a 2 pg/mL cutoff may be more appropriate than a 1 pg/mL cutoff for primary cervical cancer screening.

“Pap Test Bio-molecolare”

- L'infezione persistente da HPVhr hrHPV è la condizione patogenetica *“sine qua non”* per l'instaurarsi della lesione cervicale CIN3+. La positività del test hrHPV-DNA certifica questo step necessario ma non sufficiente nel percorso da infezione a sviluppo di CIN, senza fornire informazioni sulla progressione indotta dal virus, che può essere dimostrata dall'aumentata espressione delle proteine oncogene virale E6/E7.
- Il test hrHPV E6/E7 mRNA, il *“Pap test Bio-molecolare”*, potrebbe essere l'anello di congiunzione tra la semplice infezione e la vera trasformazione cellulare indotta dal virus.

PreTect HPV-Proofer® assay (NorChip, Norway)

- Identification of E6/E7 mRNA transcript from HPV 16, 18, 31, 33, and 45 was performed as *reflex test*

Results

Out of 67 samples were hrHPV E6/E7 mRNA positive, 8 (50%) HPV45, 6 (36%) HPV16, 1 (6.2%) HPV18, 1 (6.2%) HPV 31 and 0 HPV33.

Tests	67
Positive	16 (23.9%)
<i>HpV 45</i>	8
<i>HpV 16</i>	6
<i>HpV 18</i>	1
<i>HpV 31</i>	1
<i>HpV 33</i>	0
Negative	51 (76,1%)

Trichomonas bicollis Patient showed left cervix L-SIL (histology CIN1) which was HPVmRNA Negative, while the right cervix H-SIL (histology CIN2)

Results

The correlation between hrHPV mRNA and the first histologic diagnosis shows that **42.8%** of the Patients treated for **H-SIL** were **positive** for the test, 6-42 months after the first diagnosis and treatment.

Note that the 40% of H-SIL is well known to progress towards infiltrating carcinoma

50 patients/51 samples were hrHPV mRNA negative.



Comparison between hr-HPV mRNA Positive and Negative Cases

**Cytology cannot demonstrate if the lesions is caused by
oncogenic or non-oncogenic HPVs**

**No difference was evident in the clinical and pathological
characteristics between positive and negative Patients.**

**The outcome of the lesions, modified from therapy, cannot
distinguish the lesions with activated HPV oncogenic virus from
bare HPV infection.**

**Such distinction could be provided by the HPVmRNA PreTect
offer positivity. In fact, only those Patient with HPV-induced**

CLINICAL IMPACT

**prospectively, all Patients were followed up from many years
colposcopy, cytologic and/or histologic procedures (mean
number of events 4.12, range 1-17)**

**hrHPVmRNA test carried out at the time of the first
exam could have modified the follow up schedule, i.e. to
focus on the Positive Patients at risk of progression, and to promptly
exclude the negative ones.**

**In our study the hrHPVmRNA test could have spared Patients
unnecessary follow up, (185 clinico-pathological events, 55% in
Positive Patients) .**

MCM2 and TOPO2A ProExC™ in cervical pre-neoplasia

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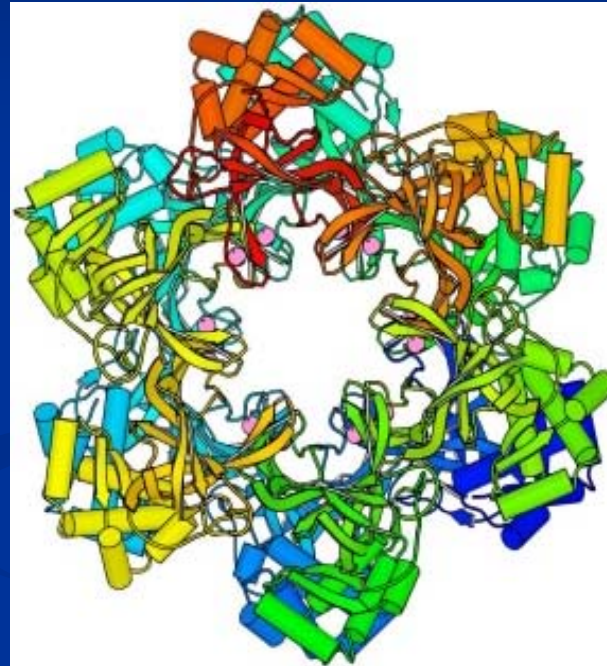
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Minichromosome Maintenance Proteins (MCM)

MCMs 2-7 function in
initiation of DNA
replication during the cell
cycle
Members of the DNA
licensing factor family
Markers of cell
proliferation in high grade
cervical dysplasia and
carcinoma



Topoisomerase II (TOP2A)

- Modulates DNA topology
- Unknots and decatenates DNA for DNA replication, transcription, chromosome segregation, and cell cycle progression
- Regulated by Rb
- Over-expression may reflect HPV E7-mediated Rb degradation in cervical dysplasia and carcinoma



Objectives

Identify a bio-molecular profile
informative for diagnosis of HSIL+

Translate this profile into a morphologic
Pap test adjunct
(*“bio-molecular Pap test”*)

Set a marker threshold for the diagnosis
and the assessment of progression risk

Materials and methods

76 liquid based SurePath Pap tests

20 NILM taken from routine samples

56 ASC+ selected with matching histology

Appropriate measures for antigen preservation

ProExC immunocytochemical assay performed in

unstained residual specimens with Ventana

Benchmark XT

Olympus AnalySIS (Soft Imaging System)



alySIS

Modifica Database Immagine Effetti Misurazioni Analisi Speciale Finestra ?

Immagini (1), Tv1 (46 %)

Auto

2080 x 1544 x 24

Immagine 2 768 x 576 x 8

Immagine 3 768 x 576 x 8

Immagine 4 768 x 576 x 8

Immagine 5 768 x 576 x 8

Immagine 6 768 x 576 x 8

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RGB HSI

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Verde: 102 228

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Nessuna

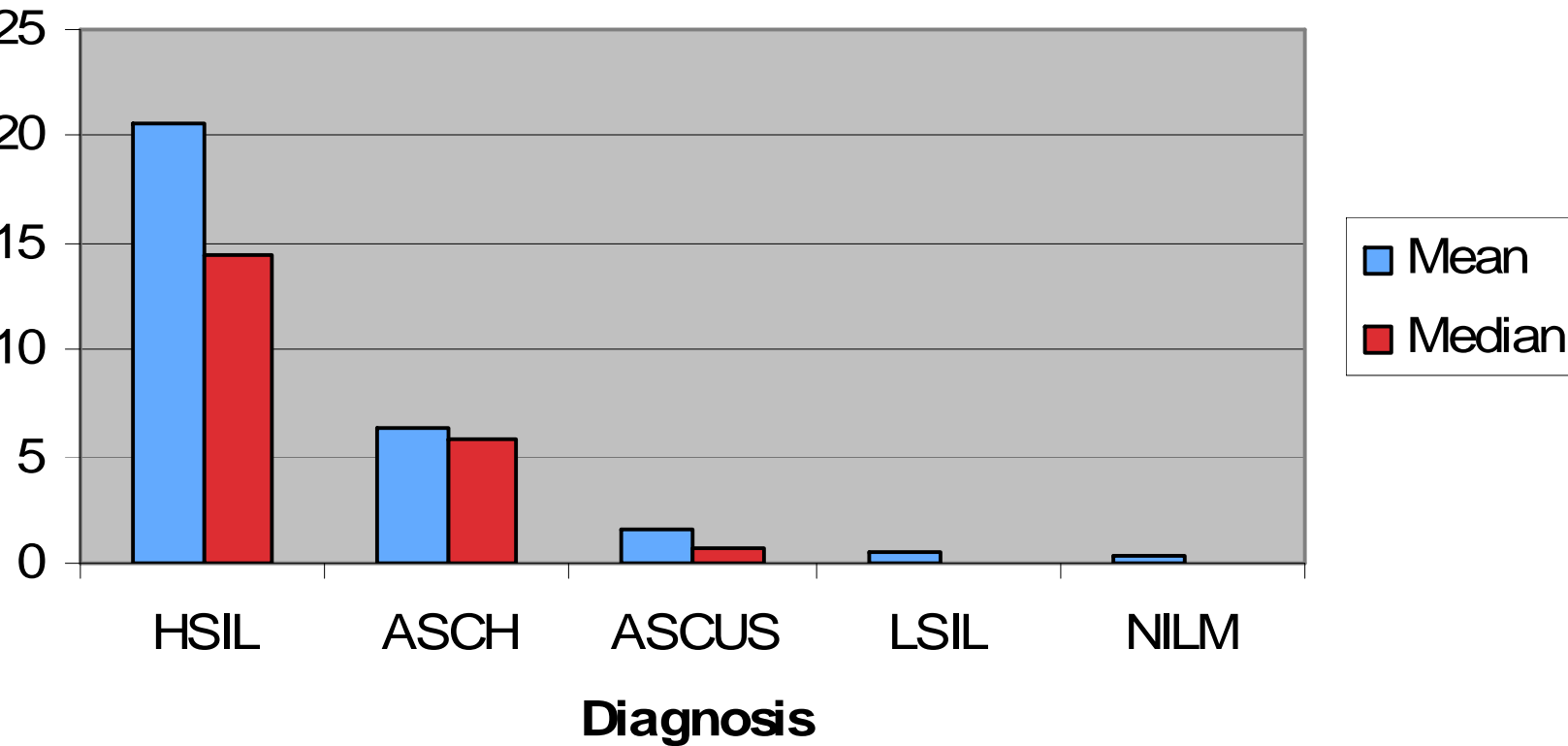
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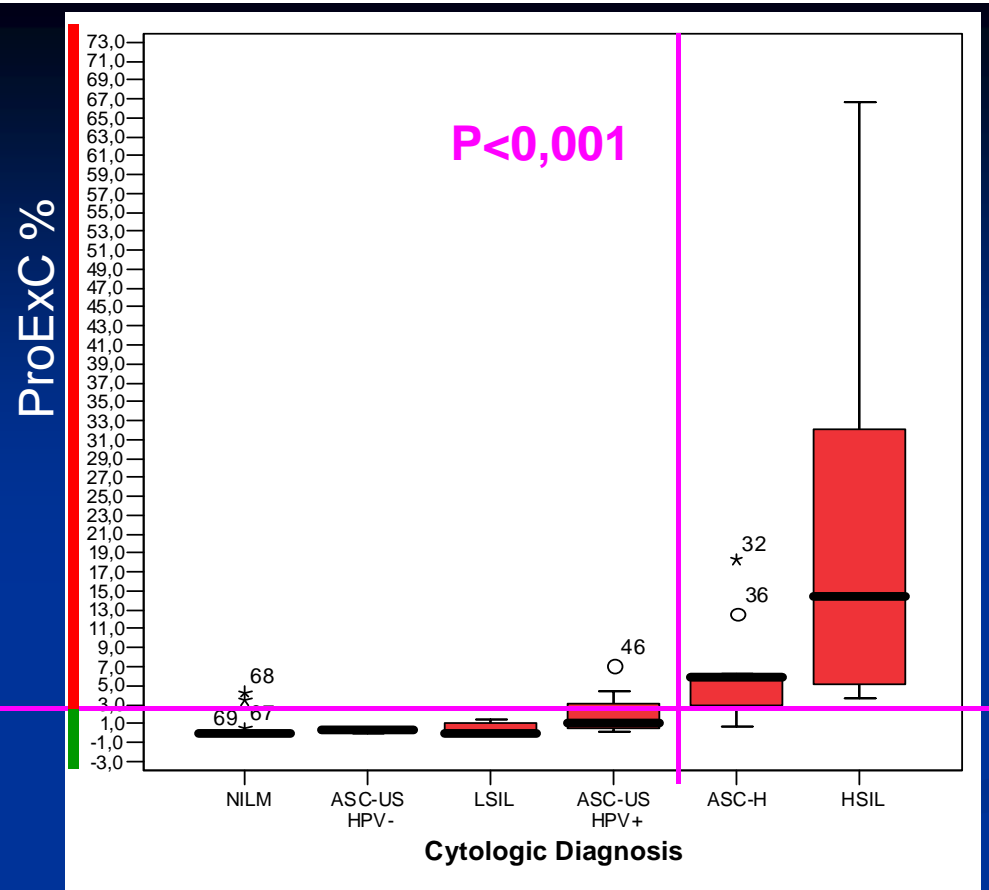
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Mean and Median ProExC in cytology categories



Boxplot of ProExC distribution in cytology categories

Suggested analytical threshold 3.0%



Bar Chart

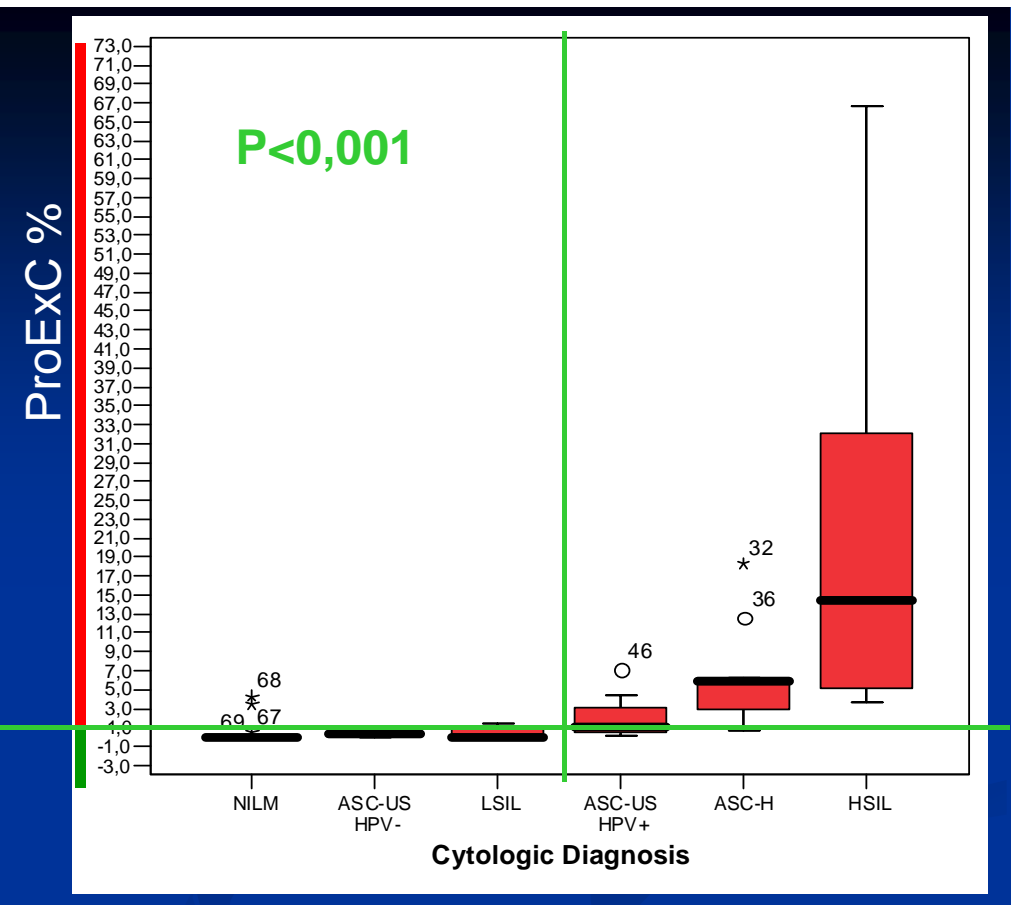
ProExC
 ■ <=3%
 ■ >3%

Cytologic Diagnosis * ProExC Crosstabulation

		ProExC		Total	
		<=3%	>3%		
Cytologic Diagnosis	NILM/ASCUS/LSIL	Count	42	6	48
		% within Cytologic Diagnosis	87,5%	12,5%	100,0%
		% within ProExC	93,3%	20,0%	64,0%
		% of Total	56,0%	8,0%	64,0%
ASC-H/HSIL	Count	3	24	27	
		% within Cytologic Diagnosis	11,1%	88,9%	100,0%

Boxplot of ProExC distribution in cytology categories

Suggested clinical threshold 1.0%



Bar Chart

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Conclusions

ProExC detects aberrant S-phase in LBC

ProExC ICC is a valid adjunct to

morphologic Pap for progression risk

identification

A modified FocalPointGS may integrate

the bio-molecular Pap test interpretation.

Conclusions

threshold set at 3.0% ProExC of positive nuclei clearly splits NILM/ASC-US/LSIL from ASC-H/HSIL

threshold set at 1.0% ProExC of positive nuclei clearly splits NILM/LSIL/ASC-US HPV hr Negative from ASC-US HPV hr positive/ASC-H/HSIL

Riassumendo....

Screening automatico con FocalPointGS

Efficace, efficiente

HPV alto rischio

Specifico, promettente come futuro test di screening

RNA E6/E7

Infezione attiva con HPV oncogeni

CoExC

Informativo di permanente attivazione di fase S





Introduction and Objectives

HPV persistent infection is the “*sine qua non*” pathogenetic condition for the development of cervical lesions. The hrHPV-DNA test positivity testifies for this necessary but not sufficient step along the pathway from infection to CIN development, without informing about the viral-induced progression, which can be shown by increased expression of E6/E7 viral oncogenic proteins.

The detection of E6/E7 mRNA test, a new “*Biomolecular Pap test*”, could fill the gap between the bare HPV infection and the true viral-induced cell transformation.

The aim of the study is to investigate the significance and clinical implications of the viral oncogenic mRNA expression, for specific risk assessment and its monitoring.

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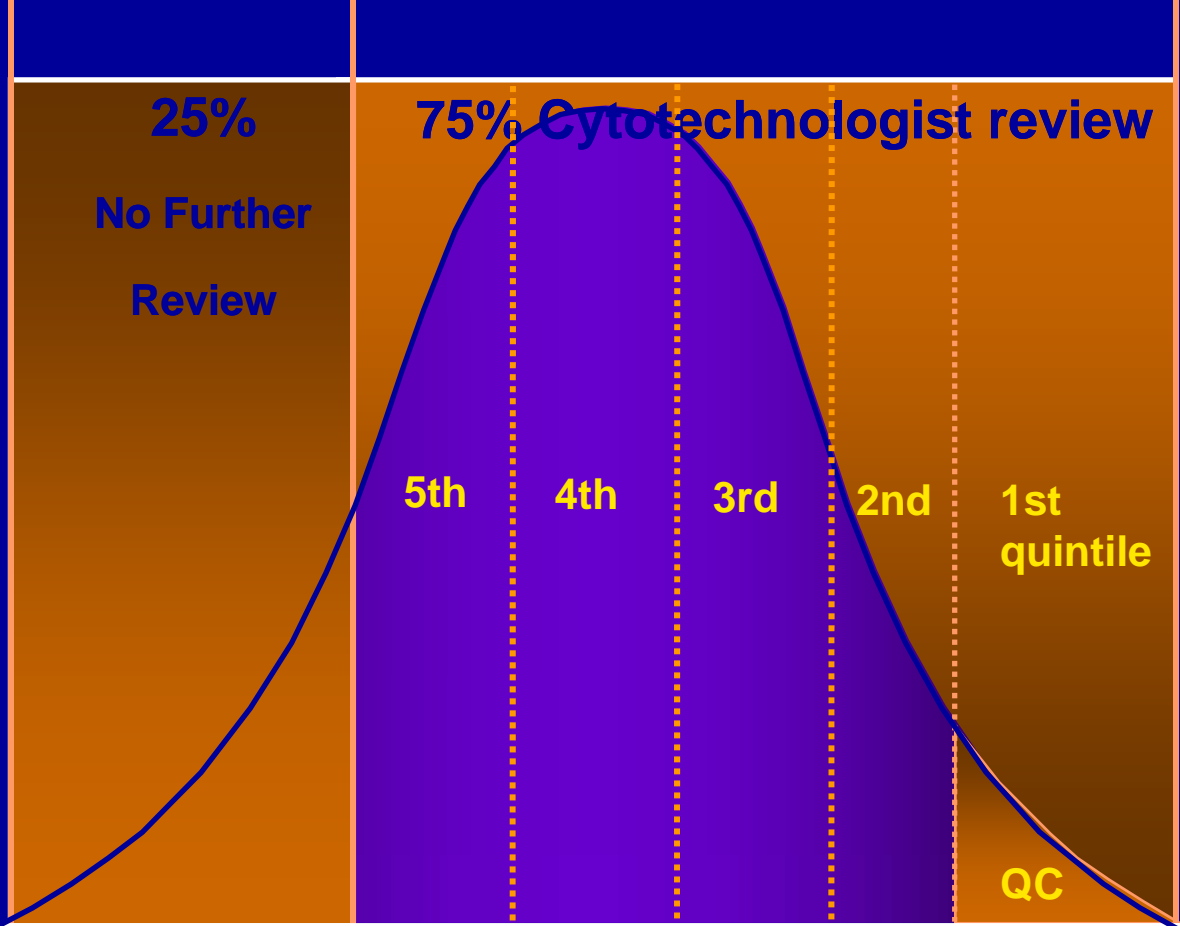
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SLIDE WIZARD REVIEW STATION

- conventional PC with Windows based operating system
- barcode reader
- foot switch
- standard off the shelf microscope
- specific stage



FocalPoint™ Slide Scoring



Low risk

FocalPoint™ chromatin scoring

High risk

TEMPI DI REFERTAZIONE

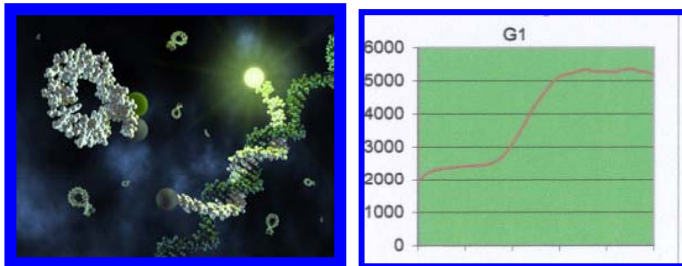
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O/E 0.75

Methods

Identification of E6/E7 mRNA transcripts from HPV 16, 18, 31, 33, and 35 was performed as **reflex test** by means of the PreTect HPV-Proofer® assay (NorChip, Norway), a real time NASBA technique



Patients

Patients/67 ThinPrep® samples ASC+ Pap Test (1 *uterus bicollis* Patient, 1 separated samples, and 1 Patient with two split endocervical and exocervical samples)

Patients were in follow-up for a previously histologically confirmed CIN1

VALIDAZIONE E MONITORAGGIO

PROGRAMMA FERRARA SCREENING

Confronto tra analisi “tradizionale” ed analisi con il supporto del Lettore automatico FocalPointGS

Materiale

- **Striscio convenzionale**
- **Strato sottile SurePath™**

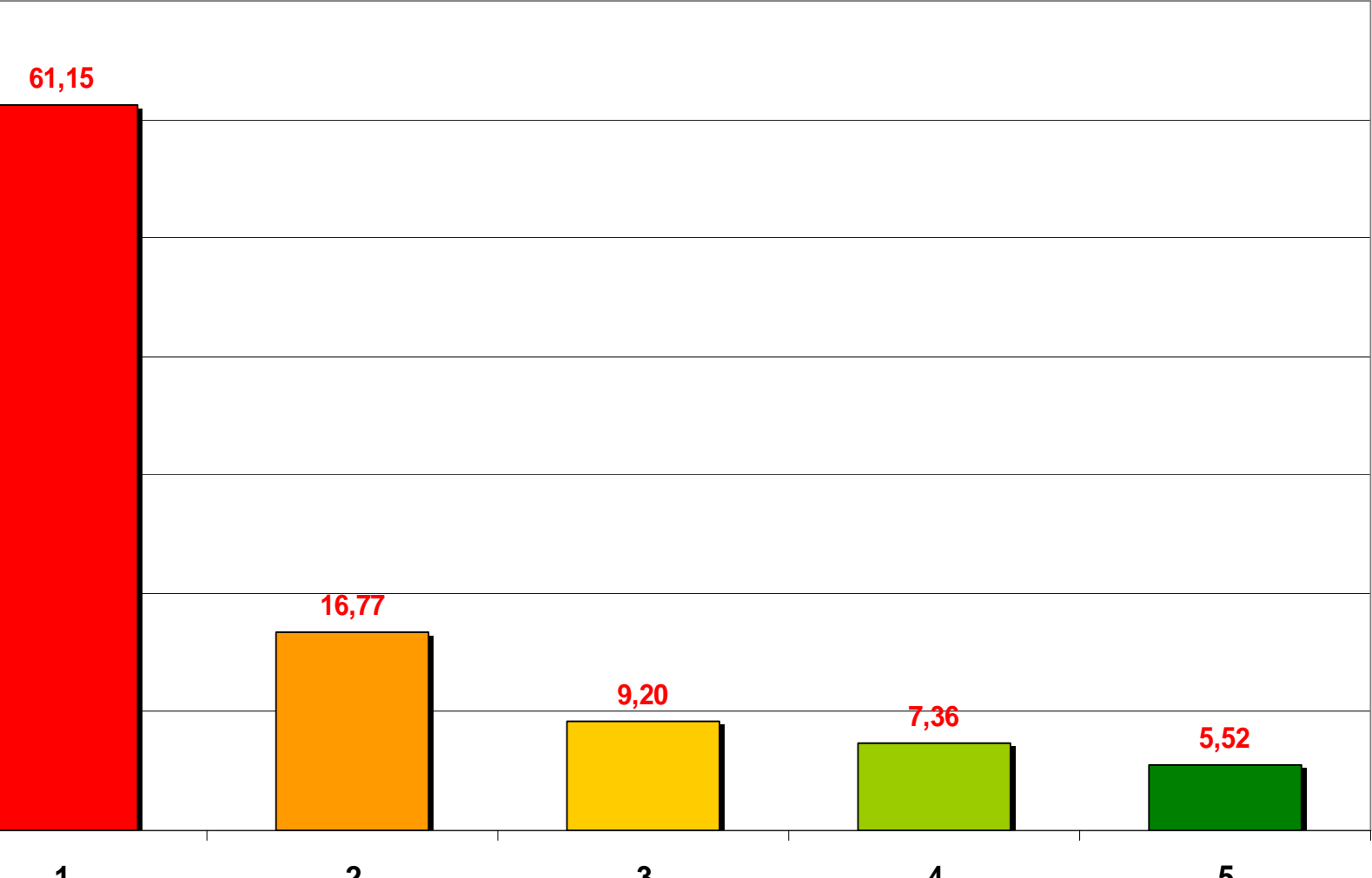
Metodo

correlazione cito-istologica

Periodo

Gennaio 2004-Giugno 2005

FREQUENZA DEI QUINTILI NEI CASI CON ISTOPATOLOGIA



Summary: MCM and TOP2A as Biomarkers of Cervical Dysplasia and Carcinoma

MCM2, MCM6, MCM7 and TOP2A mRNAs are increased in cervical squamous cell carcinoma and cervical adenocarcinoma vs benign cervical mucosa.

The encoded proteins for MCM2, MCM6, MCM7 and TOP2A are also over-expressed in cervical dysplasia and carcinoma.

Biomarkers show a quantitative difference in protein expression in CIN2+ lesions.

MCMs and TOP2A could be useful immunocytochemical targets, as cytologic diagnostic adjuncts.