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A full description of the statistical parameters including central tendency (e.g. means) or other basic estimates (e.g. regression coefficient) AND variation (e.g. standard deviation) or associated estimates of uncertainty (e.g. confidence intervals)

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For null hypothesis testing, the test statistic (e.g. *F*, *t*, *r*) with confidence intervals, effect sizes, degrees of freedom and *P* value noted
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For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings

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For hierarchical and complex designs, identification of the appropriate level for tests and full reporting of outcomes

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Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's *d*, Pearson's *r*), indicating how they were calculated

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Software and code

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Data collection

Human reference sequences (GRCh38), National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) RefSeq database, Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) database, Carbohydrate-Active enZymes (CAZymes) database, Genome Taxonomy Database (GTDB)

Data analysis

SOAPnuke, Bowtie2, Kraken2, Bracken, VALENCIA, MEGAHIT, Prodigal, CD-HIT, CoverM, GhostKOALA, dbcan3, metaWRAP, GTDB-Tk, iTOL, R software

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The shotgun metagenome sequencing raw data (short-read archives, SRA) are available in the GenBank repository with bioproject accession number PRJNA1054643.

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Reporting on sex and gender	All participants in the research are women.
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Population characteristics	We recruited a total of 68 women and categorized them into three groups: Group 1 consisted of 23 participants, including 11 with negative malignancy findings (normal) and 12 with low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions (LSIL); Group 2 comprised 23 patients with high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions (HSIL); and Group 3 included 22 patients with invasive cervical cancer (ICC).
Recruitment	This study included patients with histologically validated cervical lesions who presented to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Kyungpook National University Chilgok Hospital (Daegu, Republic of Korea).
Ethics oversight	The ethical approval for this study was obtained from the Institutional Review Board of Kyungpook National University Chilgok Hospital (KNUCH 2023-08-054-001).

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Participants with missing or unknown data on age, BMI or other clinical data were excluded from this analysis. We further excluded samples with low concentration, poor quality, and failed sequencing, resulting in the final sample size of 68 participants.
Data exclusions	Once the sample size was determined, no data were excluded from the analyses.
Replication	No applicable
Randomization	No applicable
Blinding	No applicable