ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS-RELATED DISEASE

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ABSTRACT

This invention provides novel methods for assessing the stage and prognosis of an HPV infection and/or related disease. In one embodiment, gene expression levels are used to assess the stage of the HPV infection and to make a prognosis concerning the progression of the HPV infection from benign to malignant growth by determining the ratio between mRNA levels of E6 and/or E7 and E2 and/or L1. Also provided are kits for carrying out the methods of this invention.