

Review of: "High diversity and transmission dynamics of HIV-1 non-C subtypes in Bangladesh"

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I would like to thank you for the invitation to review the manuscript entitled "High diversity and transmission dynamics of non-C HIV-1 subtypes in Bangladesh". The manuscript is well written and provides important information on the molecular epidemiology of non-C HIV in Bangladesh. In my opinion, the manuscript should be published after minor revisions. Here are some important points:

1. What are the limitations of the study?
2. The average age may have been high due to the wide range of ages: 30.7 years which ranged from 2 to 45 years. Was it just a 2 year old who was under 18? Was the child's mother in the series? It was not clear in the text. If the mother was in the sample, it would be best to exclude the child, as she would likely have the same strain as the mother.
3. What is the period of blood collection? The year of collection of each sample? My suggestion is to put it in table 1.
4. In methods, how was the nucleotide sequencing reaction performed? What protocol do you use