

Review of: "HIV/HBV Coinfections Among People Living With HIV/AIDS in Yenagoa, Bayelsa, Nigeria"

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This manuscript aims at investigating the epidemiology of HIV/HBV co-infection in Yenagoa, Bayelsa, Nigeria. In line with other studies, but in contrast with several others, the Authors found a low prevalence of co-infection in these Countries. An important message of a study like this study would be to demonstrate whether HBV co-infection is associated with poorer clinical outcomes as compared to HIV infection. However, detailed clinical data on HIV -related disease are missing. I would encourage the Authors to provide further details on ART treatment and HIV related disease status. Moreover, in the discussion the Authors quoted all the different studies available on the epidemiological and clinical aspects of this association. This makes the section difficult to follow, I would suggest to use a table reporting the different studies with appropriate reference, the number of subjects evaluated, the number of HBV co-infected or of HIV mono-infected, the number of males, patients' mean age, their education level, CD4 count and viremia levels. This table may be discussed point by point together with the study results.