

Review of: "Detection of Hepatitis B Virus Serological markers among Adult HIV Positive Female Patients on HAART in Ogun State, Nigeria"

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Dear Authors

I found the article interesting because it covers all of the HBV diagnoses. I have some general suggestions for improvements to the paper and comments were provided in the main text for your consideration.

Comment 1: The term "patient" is used frequently. The word "patient" is a derogatory stereotype or stigmatizes PLHIV, hence the author has to use more HIV positive sensitive words like "HIV positive or People living with HIV."

Observation 2: Sampling method According to the sampling method, a sample of 100 people (50 from each institution) was chosen at random. Could you describe the sampling procedure that was used to select the 50 clients at random and provide more details? Study participants: How many individuals received HAART in total during the study period?

Comment 3. Was viral hepatitis screening a routine practice at the two hospitals prior to ART? Did the author include the known HBV-HIV coinfecting patients?

Comment 4: Criteria for inclusion: Was there a specific reason why the male population was excluded from the study group? Because HBV is more prevalent in the male population than in the female population. Can you explain why only females were chosen, or can you just tell me why?

Comment 5: Criteria for exclusion: Do you need to specify HIV negative population as exclusion criteria if the target and study population were HIV positives? In my opinion, the HIV-negative population was never a part of your study population, so there is no need to include them.

Comment 6: In relation to the current national algorithm, "the statement provided there should be cited."

The reviewer(s) wrote additional specific comments in the PDF attached in the Supplementary data section of the present review

