

Review of: "Serological detection strategy and prevalence of HIV and Viral Hepatitis B and C in blood donors in Yaoundé Cameroon"

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Dear authors

Thank you for the opportunity to review your work. The study is well thought. However, the manuscript requires certain changes. There are several grammatical errors which make sentences difficult to interpret. Here are a few suggestions which could benefit the manuscript:

1. All abbreviations should be defined at first use.
2. HIV, HBV and HCV refer to virus. Serological markers used for detection of the virus cannot be referred to as the virus. For example, anti-HCV antibodies are not the same as HCV.
3. When mentioning about a certain test, consider mentioning the technology (Immunochromatography or ELISA or chemiluminescence) followed by the test kit details. Test kit name should be followed by manufacturer name
4. What was the rationale for confirming the screening test results? Was nucleic acid testing performed for samples which gave positive results by screening assays and negative results by confirmatory tests?
5. Some details in materials and methods section need to be mentioned. When was this study performed? How was the sample size calculated? Consider mentioning inclusion and exclusion criteria.
6. Was informed consent obtained from the donors? What was the source of samples for additional testing? Was the same vial used or samples were collected from blood bags?
7. How many donors were first time and how many were repeat donors?
8. Numbers have commas in them which is difficult to interpret
9. Discussion can be elaborated with discussion of the techniques that can be used for testing. Strengths and limitations need discussion.
10. Conclusion can be shortened to highlight the message from the study.