Reviewer's report

Title: Pattern and determinants of HIV research productivity in sub-Saharan Africa: bibliometric analysis of 1981 to 2009 PubMed papers

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Minor essential revisions:
The authors may switch some information from introduction to discussion.

In results:
"number of higher institutions (#= 0.70, p =.)" There is mistake in this p.

In the the figures 2,3,4,and 5 the names of the different countries has been written in a big size and it impossible to read properly.

In table 3 in one time is written Ns and should be ns.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

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