Reviewer's report

Title: Risk Factor for HIV-1 Seroconversion among Taiwanese Men Who Have Sex with Men Attending Gay Saunas

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The authors have revised their manuscript according to the review comments, i.e. downplayed the phylogenetics. A few minor scientific issues remain, but my main concern is that the manuscript in my view now is better suited as a short communication. The results section is still very detailed and would benefit from just bringing forward the most relevant findings in tables 1-3. The phylogenetic tree could be moved to the supplements and the introduction and discussion could also be reduced a little more.

The sentence in the introduction that states "... to overly optimistic belief that HAART can decrease the HIV-1 viral load ..." is still scientifically wrong and has to be rephrased. It is solidly documented that HAART (if properly used) decreases VL. Maybe you intended to state that "It has been reported that unprotected sex has increased among MSM after the introduction of HAART, which has resulted in dramatic decreases in the morbidity and mortality from HIV-1 infection."

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.