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Dear Editor

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript ID MS: 7764721783949173 entitled “Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) types Western blot (WB) band profiles as potential surrogate markers of HIV disease progression and predictors of vertical transmission in a cohort of infected but antiretroviral therapy naïve pregnant women in Harare, Zimbabwe”

All reviewers’ comments have been addressed in line with their suggestions as detailed below including formatting the article to conform to your journal style.

A. Major Revision

Shading and colours within tables 1 and 2 have been removed.

B. Minor Revisions

- **Abstract:**
The heading 'Abstract' has been included.

- **Typography**
We have checked for typographical errors in the manuscript.

Thank you for all the comments and corrections. We hereby re-submit the article to your journal only. The revised manuscript has been reviewed and approved by co-authors. We hope the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in your journal.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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