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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We are submitting an edited version of the paper entitled, “National Trends in Hospitalization and Mortality Rates for Patients with HIV, HCV, or HIV/HCV Co-infection from 1996-2010, a Cross-Sectional Study.” We would like for you to consider our paper for publication in the Journal of BioMed Central Infectious Disease.

We have made the following changes to our manuscript:

1. Added line numbering to our main manuscript document.
2. Inserted text about ethics in the methods section and provided the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Institutional review board (IRB) except letter for non-human research (included in the additional materials section).
3. Added an author contribution section.

All authors have agreed to the submitted version of this paper. This work was presented in part at the 2012 and 2013 IDWeek annual meetings in San Diego and San Francisco, CA, respectively. This paper has not been published elsewhere and it is not currently under consideration at any other journal. The University of North Carolina Junior Faculty Development Award, granted to Dr. Oramasionwu, funded this study. None of the authors have financial conflicts of interest related to the content of this paper. Kindly consider our paper for publication in your journal.

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