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The BMC Infectious Disease Editorial Team:

Re: MS 1257169926163467 HIV/AIDS in Nigeria: A bibliometric analysis

Thank you for the opportunity to re-submit a revised manuscript for consideration. I am happy that one of the reviewers has recommended acceptance of our manuscript after minor revision. In the following pages I provide a point-by-point response to the reviewers. I have put the comments in bold, with my response below each comment.

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Olalekan Uthman
Reviewer number: 1

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

I acknowledge the above comment and would like to thank the reviewer for his constructive comments. I have modified the result, discussion, and Table sections in order to incorporate the suggestions. I have also revised the language of the article as suggested. Thank you

Results

1) Page 4, first paragraph, line 7: Change the word less with fewer
2) Page 4, paragraph second, lines 4 ## 6: There meaning conveyed is not clear with respect to articles with international collaboration especially line 6 from 1980.
3) Page 4, paragraph third, first line: Change the line to: The median number of authors was 4 (range 1 to 27).
4) Page 4, paragraph third, line 3: change less to fewer.
5) Page 4, paragraph third, line 4: delete word ##more##
6) Page 5, paragraph second, line 6: Percentage of USA contribution is listed as 30.8% while in Table 5 the percentage is 23.7%. Please clarify.

I acknowledge your comments and corrections, and have modified the statements. The conflicting figures have been corrected according.

Discussion

1) Page 6, paragraph first, first line: Change to: HIV/AIDS research for over##;
2) Page 6, paragraph first, line 2: delete article ##a## at the end of the line.
3) Page 6, paragraph first, line 4: Change to: However, no records were found for
the period between 1980 and 1986. This finding is consistent with data from
another study that has examined;

4) Page 6, last line: Delete Haiti since is listed twice.

5) Page 7, line previous to last line: Research has helped quantify HIV;

I acknowledge your comments and corrections, and have modified the statements.

Tables

1) Table 3: Separate Total with a line as in Table 2.

2) Table 4: Add a line with Total at the end of the Table. Clarify whether
percentages add over 100%.

3) Table 5: Add a line with Total at the end of the Table. There is a discrepancy
between the percentage listed on the Table for USA (23.7) and the one listed in
the text (30.8).

4) Table 6: Add a line with Total at the end of the Table. There is a discrepancy
between the absolute number of publications with USA contribution adding up in
Table 6 (63) and the absolute number listed in Table 5 (61).

5) Table 7: Add a line with Total at the end of the Table. Clarify with a footnote under
Table 7 whether more than one subject areas were counted for each article.

I acknowledge your comments and corrections, and have modified the tables (added total).

The conflicting figures have been corrected according.
Reviewer number: 2

Reviewer's report:

The article is methodologically correct, but I think that it is not very interesting for international lectures of the BMC Infectious Diseases. Because only analyse 254 records. I think is better to be send the article to a Nigerian journals.

I acknowledge the above comments and addressed it below:

It has been noted that some 65% of African research papers are published in local journals that are not listed in the international citation databases. Regrettably, many research publications by African researchers, especially those focused on domestic or regional African issues and problems, are not assessable through modern ICT facilities (electronic databases, Internet facilities). Therefore are often neglected in assessment of Africa science.

Publishing this report in local journal, may defeat the aim of the study. The contention that Nigeria that is home to more people living with HIV than any other country in the world should be one of the leaders of HIV research production was not confirmed. It is surprising that only 254 Nigerian HIV articles are indexed in SCI over the period of 15 years. I think the paper is better published in an international and open access journal. This will help pass the message across to Nigerian and other African researchers.