Reviewer's report

Title: Co-infection by human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) subtype c and human t cell leukemia virus type 1 (HTLV-1): does immune activation lead to a faster progression to AIDS?

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* Major Compulsory Revisions.

Information regarding sample size calculation for comparison of means should be provided.

Information regarding clinical issues that could affect lymphocyte activation is not included.

The authors should analyse if there are significant differences in the distinct lymphocyte subsets, between distinct clinical stages in coinfected and non coinfected patients to assess if there is association between activation and clinical progression.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests'