Reviewer's report

Title: Total protein, albumin and low-molecular-weight protein excretion in HIV-positive patients

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Reviewer: Gaston Zilleruelo

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Overall the article is well written and clear. Objectives and methods are clearly described.

Results section it would be helpful to clarify if known the mode of transmission of HIV. Instead of reporting the % of Female should use % Male which is larger. Also, the mean age and range of age should be reported. In page 8 of the Result Section there are too many numbers given and it is hard to read. May be reference to Tables or Figures might help the reader.

The Discussion Section is a bit too long, but covers well most othe important issues including the limitations of the study.

References are appropriate and up-to-date.

Table 1 should clarify the p-value as comparison of which groups

Figure 1 is not clear the significant difference when comparing group 150.5-343.4 vs 343.4 black bars are similar...

Could some of the results be simplified in correlation figures?

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests