Author's response to reviews


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The Editor,

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Re-submission of the revised manuscript, MS 2659730928584407: “Prevalence and factors associated with neuro cognitive impairment in HIV/AIDS in an African population: A cross-sectional study of an HIV/AIDS clinic population”.

We have responded to the reviewers comments as follows:

Reviewer #1

In the light of this reviewers comment that the IHDS at a cut off point of ≤10 screens for HIV dementia, we have changed the dependent variable being assessed to be probable HIV dementia (PHD) and not probable neuro cognitive impairment (NCI). As a consequence the title of this manuscript has been modified to read, ‘Prevalence and factors associated with probable HIV dementia in HIV/AIDS in an African population: A cross-sectional study of an HIV/AIDS clinic population.’

Specific comments:

1. We have listed use of the IHDS (a screening tool) to assess the dependent variable ‘probable HIV dementia’ as a limitation of this study
2. Point 2 no longer applies as we have confined the dependent variable to only probable HIV dementia.
3. Point 3, median CD4 count is now described in the results section, The fraction of respondents on HAART for more than 12 months (75.2%) is now given in the results section.

I hope this response is found satisfactory.

Reviewer #2

1. Alignment of the references in the text with those in the reference section has been addressed
2. Version of SPSS used (version 9.05) has been included in the text
3. Typos- we have tried to address them.
4. Page numbers have been added
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1. Authors’ contribution has been added to text of manuscript
2. Competing interests section has been added
3. References have been formatted in conformity with the journal style with regard to ordering and square bracketing.

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