Reviewer’s report

Title: Antiretroviral treatment adherence among HIV patients in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Version: 2 Date: 1 February 2010

Reviewer: Jeffrey Weiss

Reviewer’s report:

The authors write in the abstract that 'for both indicators adherence was associated with low depression and poor environmental factors.' The direction of these relationships are in opposite directions however. Better adherence is associated with low depression. Poorer adherence is associated with poor environmental factors. This lack of clarity occurs frequently throughout the manuscript. It would help the reader if the authors do not discuss 'adherence being related to....' but rather always specify the direction by discussing either 'poorer adherence being related to...' or 'better adherence being related to...'

Was this study reviewed by and/or approved by an IRB or Board of Ethics? Regardless of the answer, this should be mentioned.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'