Reviewer's report

**Title:** Antiretroviral drug expenditure, pricing and judicial demand: an analysis of federal procurement data in Brazil from 2004-2011

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**Reviewer:** Joseph Perriens

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This new version of the manuscript is much better focused and clearer. It remains an interesting paper because it clearly documents the temporal association between judicial action, procurement from private sector suppliers of new medicines and their inclusion in the national treatment programme. No major revisions are needed.

**Minor revisions**

It would help if a tentative explanation could be given for the spectacular price decrease of lopinavir/ritonavir. Could it be that the price of the original price was miscalculated? the original price would have been a multitude of the price asked for the drug in the USA...

**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.