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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Resubmission of article - The people living with HIV stigma index: an exploratory study measuring stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa

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Attached please find our revised article relating to HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination within the South African context. We have made the following changes according to the feedback received:

- Revision of title to include ‘exploratory study’
- Revision of abstract to include subtitles (background, method etc); as well as the mention of the primary statistical methods employed in the study
- Inclusion of the no completing interests statement of the authors
- Inclusion of authors information
- Inclusion of authors contributions
- Editing of referencing style according to instructions.

Apologies for these oversights in the first draft.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Many thanks

Monika dos Santos (on behalf of all authors)