Reviewer's report

Title: Reproductive rights and options available to women infected with HIV in Ghana: perspectives of service providers

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Remarks to the Editors - BMC

This paper addresses an important issue of health care worker knowledge and awareness of the reproductive rights of HIV-infected women.

The article has no abstract or author details. It is therefore not immediately clear what the research is all about.

Abbreviations used initially should be fully written out first, for example WHO.

The pregnancy rate per cycle of IUI of 10-12% is not referenced. The term caesarean section should be spelled consistently throughout the document. Also, elective caesarean section to prevent infant HIV transmission has become obsolete in the era of combination antiretroviral therapy (Townsend et al. AIDS 2008: 22).

The specific objectives of this study are not clearly defined. When was this study performed?

It is not clear if the health care workers interviewed were representative of the overall health care worker population, given the skewed gender distribution. It is not stated which measures were taken to ensure a representative group.

Table 2 includes questions that cannot be answered in a “yes” or “no” fashion. The third question in Table 2 for example, is vague. All major guidelines currently recommend timed unprotected intercourse for sero-discordant couples with specific provisions: screening & treating genital tract infections, early initiation of ART for the infected partner (based on HPTN 052), and attaining an undetectable viral load prior to timed intercourse at ovulation. These guidelines also state that no single method (including treatment of the infected partner) is fully protective against HIV transmission.

In my view the author should have validated the interview questions prior to performing this study, and therefore this study is not suitable for publication.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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