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This article is well-written and organized and covers comorbid conditions, a critical topic in HIV care. The study findings, while not surprising, nonetheless contribute to the knowledge base regarding treatment adherence among individuals with HIV and diabetes and/or hypertension. Specific minor revisions are included below.

Methods:
1. It would be helpful to include a definition/example of “editing style analysis”
2. The authors mention that the surveys examined participants’ “relationship with care provider” It is not clear what data were gathered for this although the results only mention duration of the relationship with the care provider. It would be interesting to know if additional questions examined the quality of the care provider relationship and how this was reported to influence adherence.

Results/Discussion
1. The median duration of the care provider relationship was reported as 5 years. This may limit the generalizability of findings to individuals with less stable care provider relationships – this would be helpful to include in the limitations section.
2. The discussion section could be more succinct with sacrificing significant content

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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