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1. The survey questions are very pertinent especially as they address the outcome of interventions carried out within the framework of international assistance and cooperation. The strategy must have been defined by the funding bodies so it is appropriate to assess its effectiveness. However, it will be more useful to review its overall impact on the fight against HIV in general; which means one could see the effectiveness of those trained in the field.

2. A survey should identify the sample size based on the general target population to render it representative. Does 54 (39 respondents and 15 non respondents) represent the total number of those intervening in IST on HIV in Nigeria? To assess efficiency, it would be necessary to compare this strategy with another similar with similar results and review their cost effectiveness as stated in the objective of the survey. This seems not to have been addressed in the methodology. However, the methodology and questionnaires are clear and reproducible.

3. A survey which seeks to examine effectiveness and efficiency should produce qualitative data as it addresses some aspects of quality in terms of knowledge and competence. Data on how and not only on how many; on various aspects could be clearer for instance carrying out training needs assessment.

4. One may want to know the duration of the survey and maybe the cost even if it appears ICTs were used in many instances.

5. The article seems to have addressed the major issues necessary for the improvement of the HIV situation in Nigeria even if the strategy alone does not suffice. Training and support in implementation of activities of activities must go hand in glove.