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Dear Editor,
Thanks for the review of our manuscript. Following is our response to the Reviewers’ comments:

Reviewer 1 (Ume Abbas):
No changes suggested.

Reviewer 2 (Gregory Pappas):
Thank you for your comments.
The issue about Larkana has been removed in its entirety from the revised manuscript. There is no mention now in the article about the origins i.e. when and where the first outbreak started. We feel that as this issue is highly debatable; it is not pertinent to mention it in this manuscript, which aims to focus more on the role of Parliamentarians in Pakistan to combat HIV/AIDS, rather than the origins of the bug and its spread in Pakistan.

Instead of mentioning about Larkana, we now only mention in the manuscript where earlier the Larkana link was written (in Paragraph 8 of the Discussion section Line 1): there have been incidences recorded of HIV outbreaks from all major cities of Pakistan, including Lahore, Karachi and Hyderabad [5, 6]

All pointers to Larkana have been removed from the manuscript.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Authors