Reviewer's report

Title: Educating the Power: HIV Policy and Parliamentarians of Pakistan

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The manuscript addresses the important issue of the HIV epidemic in Pakistan. The article needs to be focused and more developed. As a new item it is incomplete. There is very little information about the program reported on. How many meetings were held? How many people attended? What sort of programs were provided?

Alternatively the article could provide an analysis of the Parliamentarian program. Did any policies change? Did any people change their opinions or views? This would be useful to know.

A third alternative would be a commentary essay that raises some question or problem in the HIV program in the country.

Unfortunately the reader gets very little useful information. The focus on a small town Larkana is surprising when the megacity of Karachi has high rates of HIV infection among IV drug users.

Generally the writing is poor and needs to be tightened.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published