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Title: HIV/AIDS Health Services Provision Reaching the Rural Poor in China: The Case of Three Counties

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This is an interesting account of the situations of persons with HIV/AIDS in rural China. The data is collected through a big study to identify several hundred of such persons. The data set is valuable.

However, this is too much of a descriptive account and the implications, conceptual understanding, and theoretical debates can be enhanced.

For example, Table 2, if the number of persons not receiving any sort of care, or missing data can be put there on the same table, it would be great. Since only 369 persons are receiving health care out of the almost 900 persons on the data set. What happen to the missing data? Are they not receiving any health care service?

Can more of the policies and legislative framework of China in the area of HIV/AIDS control, prevention and care can be presented a greater detail, it can put the data into a policy framework which can help the reader understand the picture behind the numbers better.

Besides the number, if some case stories can be used to describe the persons in the context, to show the individuals in the socio-economic and policy environment, it will be much better.

If policies and practices of other countries can be used to draw insight on the policy implications of the care of persons with HIV/AIDS and in it's prevention, that shall make the paper more interesting.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'