Reviewer's report

Title: A cross-sectional analysis of HIV & hepatitis C clinical trials 2007-2010: The relationship between industry sponsorship and randomized study design

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This paper deals with the adoption of randomization according to sponsorship by industries in studies on HIV and HCV registered in clinical trials.gov. I wonder if the source of studies is the most appropriate one. It is expected that trials registered in clinicaltrials.gov are mainly randomized ones. For other kind of research approaches such as observational studies or post-marketing safety studies registration is not as compelling as for randomized studies.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests