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Title: Knowledge of HIV/AIDS among older adults (50 years and above) in a peri-urban setting: A descriptive cross-sectional study

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INTRODUCTION
1. Rewritten background in original language as suggested by editor and copyedited to improve the standard of written English.
2. Reference provided for UNAIDS citation as requested by reviewer
3. Indicated country earlier as suggested by reviewer
4. Citation from Negin 2010 removed from introduction to address the confusion and concern of reviewer.

METHODS
1. Chaplaincy removed
2. Population mean explained as requested by reviewer
3. Wrongly writing research as researches corrected
4. A few more details about how the pre-test of the Qs was undertaken and how many people were used in the testing phase included as requested by reviewer.
5. How verbal consent was documented indicated as requested by reviewer.
6. How authors determined the average score thresholds - and why &lt;50 was "poor" knowledge explained as requested by reviewer.
7. Errors in text for Cronbach's alpha (and the random capitalization of words throughout the text: "....89 for prevention of HIV and 85 for signs and symptoms of HIV" corrected as requested by reviewer.
RESULTS
1. n in Table 2 removed as requested by reviewer
2. Table 3 mean values rounded as suggested by reviewer
3. All three pie charts combined into one graphic chart as requested by reviewer
4. Table 4 referent group is 1.00

DISCUSSION
1. Discussion section considerably improved by describing the impact of the results, including a more organized response to how these results relate to other studies as requested by reviewer
2. Language and word capitalization throughout the text reviewed.

REBUTTAL
Reviewer: from where were the questions for interview derived? Are these entirely new or were they adapted from other HIV KAP instruments.
Authors : The investigators used closed-ended questionnaire which was specifically designed for the older adults and it had four subsections. This can be found in the methods section (page 5) of manuscript.