Reviewer's report

Title: Case Report: Mechanisms of HIV Elite Control in two African Women

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Moosa et al has submitted an interesting manuscript exploring mechanisms of immune control of HIV in two women from the CAPRISA study who seroconverted and subsequently were found to be elite controllers.

Overall the manuscript is well-written, interesting, and well-thought-out. The only detail that could be better explained is the timing of the samples with respect to seroconversion. For example, line 194 on page 8 refers to a sample taken 13 months prior to seroconversion but I only find figures that reflect immune responses at 10 months prior to seroconversion in the supplemental figure referenced. Would ask that they clarify how and at what time points samples were stored prior to seroconversion, especially since both women are described as having a clinical presentation along with seroconversion. I understand that these are explained in other CAPRISA publications, but would add to the manuscript to include with the current report.

Other than this minor point, no suggestions.

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